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Conviction of Rochefort—His Sentence—An Ex-Dominion Minister Knighted—News from Baker's Expedition—The Ecumenical Council.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—HENRI ROCHEFORT'S trial was brought to an end to-day. He was convicted, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 3,000 francs. The sentence includes the deprivation of his political rights, though he remains a Deputy in the Corps Legislatif....About 3,500 troops have arrived at La Creusot to prevent disorder among the workmen on the strike there.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Hon. JOHN ROSE, late Canadian Finance Minister, and now of London, has been created by the Queen a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George....Advices have been received from BAKER'S expedition of discovery up to the 1st of January. At that time they were at the head waters of the Nile. All well....The *Times* to-day discusses the French commercial treaty and demonstrates, therefrom, the need of absolute free trade.

ROME, Jan. 22.—The Archbishop of Paris on Wednesday delivered a discourse before the Ecumenical Council, which was full of wisdom and moderation. He was listened to with religious attention, and at the close was congratulated by many of the fathers....A petition against the excesses of laymen who edit religious journals has been drawn up and numerously signed by the fathers....Articles destined for the Exposition of Roman Arts will be received until the 2d of February. The Exposition will be opened on the 15th of February.

THE FIJI ISLANDS.

Interesting Intelligence—Cultivation of Sea Island Cotton—Petition for a Protectorate Forwarded to Washington.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—The United States ship *Jamestown*, seventy-seven days from the Fiji Islands, *via* the Mulgrave and Dunham Islands, which she sighted, but had no communication with, brings the following intelligence: English settlers are arriving at the Figi Islands in large numbers from Australia and New-Zealand to engage in the raising of Sea Island cotton, which is said to yield from the highly productive soils of the islands, fabulous returns.... The population of the islands has increased in three years from 400 to 1,800.... A petition has been extensively signed by the Islanders, requesting the United States Government to assume the protectorate over the entire group, consisting of 154 islands, sixty-five of which are inhabited. The petition has been forwarded to Washington. Great Britain had previously refused to add Fiji to her colonial possessions. There are about fifty American residents on the islands.... The *Jamestown* was saluted by orders of King THACKAMOON, and all on board were kindly received by the Islanders. Much public business was accomplished, and the *Jamestown* sailed on her return voyage on Nov. 6. No American vessels were in port at the islands.

THE RED RIVER REBELLION.

Present Position of Affairs—Extract from the New Nation, the Insurgent Organ—Independence and Annexation Advocated.

TORONTO, Ontario, Jan. 22.—A dispatch from Pembina, on the 10th inst., by the way of St. Cloud, Minn., on the 21st, to the *Globe*, contains the following article from the *New Nation*, the organ of the insurgents, published at Fort Garry: "Something as to our policy will be expected from us in this number, and we proceed briefly to define our position. In common with the majority of the settlement, we regard the Hudson Bay Company's Government as obsolete and never to be resuscitated. The Dominion Government, by its criminal blunders and gross injustice to this people, have forever alienated them; and by its forfeiture of all right to our respect will prevent us in future from either receiving or permitting its protection. The Imperial Government we consider to be too far distant intelligently to administer our affairs. The question arises, then, what form of Government is best adapted for the development of this country; and we reply, unhesitatingly, that the United States Republic offers today that system of Government which would best promote order and progress in our midst, and open up rapidly a country of magnificent resources. But in our present dependent condition we cannot obtain what we need in that direction; and, hence, we will hold it to be our duty to advocate independence for the people of Red River as a present cure for public ills. Our annexation to the United States will follow in time, and bring with it the advantages this land so much requires.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Letters received from the Red River country show that there is less reason than was at first supposed for the success of the Father Thiebald and Desaulces mission. The party of Canadian gentlemen from Fort Garry and Pembina, arrived at St. Paul last night.

CANADA.

Caldwell Arrested at Toronto—Two more Extradition Cases—The Ontario Supply Bill Disallowed—Parliament to be Reconvened.

TORONTO, Jan. 22.—R. B. CALDWELL was arrested here last night on a warrant sworn out by Colonel SHAW, United States Consul at Toronto. He was brought before a Police Magistrate this morning, and remanded until Monday next....J. O. ROBINSON, charged with arson in Massachusetts, was to-day committed for extradition. His counsel expressed the intention to apply for a writ of *habeas corpus*.....Sheriff MAN, of Niagara county, N. Y., is here awaiting the arrival of the necessary papers from Ottawa for the extradition of IRA GOULD for forgery..... A dispatch from Ottawa says: An order in the Council has been passed disallowing the Ontario Supply bill, in consequence of its conflicting with certain provisions of the Union act. An extra session of the Legislature will probably be called at once to amend the bill.

The Indians—Hostilities in New-Mexico—Excitement at Las Cruces.

OMAHA, Jan. 22.—The Santa Fé *Post* of today publishes a correspondence from Fort Stanton, stating that Lieutenant CRAWFORD had just returned from a severe Indian campaign, in which his command had killed several Indians and captured a large number of cattle, and other stock and property. Lieutenant YEATON, one of the officers of the expedition, was severely wounded, but will recover.....A report from Las Cruses to the same paper gives intelligence that Indians had stolen a large herd of mules from a ranche near that village.....Great excitement had been caused in that vicinity, owing to the finding, in the possession of the Indians on the Government reservation, of a lot of jewelry which had belonged to a Mexican woman who had been recently murdered.....The citizens of Las Cruses, at a public meeting, had passed resolutions asking for the removal of Lieutenant BREW, the Agent of the Apaches. They allege that he is incompetent and a drunkard.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

The Last Dion-Deery Billiard Match—Dion the Winner—The Year's Shipment of Treasure from California—Miscellaneous.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—The game of billiards last evening between DION and DEERY, for the benefit of the orphan asylums, was largely attended, netting a handsome sum of money for the asylums. DION won the game, the score standing on the fifty-seventh inning, DION 1,500, DEERY 573. DION'S highest run was 129. DEERY'S highest run was 84. Large sums of money changed hands on the result.... It is stated that the United States Assistant Treasurer has shipped from $3,000,000 to $4,000,000 in coin, and a considerable amount of currency, overland during the past year, of which no account has been made public. The total shipments of treasure for the year are, therefore, estimated at $41,000,000....A telegram from Ogden reports that the Pacific Railroad is open, the weather pleasant, and the trains running on time. There has been no detention on the Central Pacific Road....The telegraph strikers here received notice yesterday that the strike had ended at the East. Their positions, however, had been filled with but one or two exceptions.

GEORGIA.

The Committee of Investigation on the Legislature—Reply of General Terry to a Democratic Petition.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 22.—It is understood that the Board of Officers will complete the investigation upon the members of the House who are before them some time to-night.....General TERRY to-day sent the following reply to the application of the Democratic members to have the question of eligibility submitted to the State Supreme Court:

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DISTRICT }
OF GEORGIA, Jan. 22, 1869. }

To Colonel J. E. Bryant, Chairman, &c.:

SIR: After giving to your letter of the 17th inst. a careful consideration, I have decided that I ought not to submit the questions of law which have been given in regard to the qualifications of certain members elect of the Legislature to the Justices of the Supreme Court of Georgia. I have the highest respect for the character and attainments of the gentlemen who compose the Court, and have no doubt that they would endeavor to give me an impartial opinion; but I have learned from several sources that they, or at least some of them, have been consulted individually as to the eligibility of several of those who so casts have been investigated, and have given an opinion of the facts submitted to them. I think, therefore, that, in justice to all parties, the ordinary rule of law, which forbids a Judge to decide upon a matter upon which he has consulted as counsel, should be followed here.

(Signed) ALFRED H. TERRY,
Brevet Major-General Commanding.

Funeral of Mr. Peabody—The Maine Legislature Finally Vote to Attend—The Staff of Admiral Farragut.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 22.—The Legislature has finally voted to attend the funeral of GEORGE PEABODY on the arrival of the remains at Portland.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The following officers have been ordered to report to Admiral FARRAGUT to accompany him as members of his staff to Portland, in connection with the ceremonies proposed in honor of the late GEORGE PEABODY: Rear-Admiral H. K. THATCHER, Captains J. J. ALMY and D. MCN. FAIRFAX, Commander D. B. HARMONY, Lieutenant-Commander FREDERICK PEARSON, and Ensign WILLIAM B. H. FRAILEY.

Matters in Cuba—General Puello Not Yet Heard From—Honors to Secretary Seward.

HAVANA, Jan. 22.—The United States steamer *Severn*, with the monitors *Dictator* and *Saugus*, will sail on Monday for Matanzas. The Spanish ironclad *Victoria*, and the frigate *Lealtad* will sail for New-York on Monday....One month has elapsed since General PUELLO left the coast for the interior, during which time nothing has been heard of him....A grand review of the volunteer forces in Havana and the neighborhood will be held to-morrow in honor of Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Death of George D. Prentice—The Funeral.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 22.—GEORGE D. PRENTICE, of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, died this morning at 4 o'clock. The remains will lay in state at the Masonic Temple until Monday, when they will be interred in Cave Hill Cemetery. Mr. PRENTICE was 68 years old.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 22.—ELLIS B. PITCHER, a citizen of Rhode Island and a person of some prominence, committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the head. Family afflictions and the failure yesterday of a firm for which he had indorsed to the amount of $20,000 or $30,000, stripping him of his property, is supposed to have unsettled his mind.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—A private meeting of the creditors of FISHER, the absconding Sheriff, was held to-day. His debts foot up $21,000. His property, valued at $13,000, has been levied on. His bank creditors are secured.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—Dr. LANDIS has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment and pay a fine of $300 for the publication of obscene books.

Mr. Chase and the Amendment—A Denial.

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Commercial.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Thursday, Jan. 20.

It was the intention of the Republicans to afford an opportunity for discussion this evening, and Mr. DENNIS was to have closed the discussion after the speech which Mr. CUNNINGHAM expected to make, and in which he would have read the following letter from Mr. YEATMAN:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
COLUMBUS, Jan. 20, 1870. }

Hon. A. J. Cunningham:

"MY DEAR SIR—As I understand that you intend, this afternoon, to reply, in a debate, to the opponents of the Fifteenth Amendment, I desire that you will say for me that the statement of Hon. Mr. BABER, in his speech of yesterday, giving the wording of a letter from Mr. CHASE to me, are not true, and that I never read any such letter before any caucus whatever; neither did Mr. CHASE express himself as there reported. Mr. CHASE, however, has expressed himself to me and others as being in favor of universal suffrage and universal amnesty.

Very truly, yours,
THOMAS H. YEATMAN.

The Burns Anniversary—Festivals this Year.

The Burns Anniversary, which occurs next Tuesday, will be duly celebrated by the various Scottish societies of this City. The regular Burns Dinner will take place at Delmonico's in the evening, and ladies are understood to be among the invited guests, as was the case last year at the Metropolitan Hotel. The success of the dinner, with this novel feature on that occasion, will probably bring out a goodly representation of the fair sex this year. The "Original Burns" Club are making unusual preparations for a grand dinner, to take place at the Astor House. Hon. E. DELAFIELD SMITH, Hon. JAS. R. WHITNEY, and others, are to make addresses on the occasion.

CUBA.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP CLEOPATRA.

The steamship *Cleopatra*, from Havana Jan. 17, reached this port last night. Our special correspondence, thanks to the courtesy of the Purser, was promptly at hand.

The Manifesto of the Casino Español—New Attitude of the Havana Press—Movements of Mr. Seward and His Party.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Monday, Jan. 17, 1870.

The several letters published in the TIMES regarding the movements and actions of the different parties among the Spaniards, and their proposed aims, attracted the attention of the people and of the representatives of the home and foreign Press, who either were not in the secret or else too blind to perceive what was going on. The idea was ridiculed and dismissed by many with a shrug of the shoulders, when suddenly the document of the Casino Español, signed by the most ultra and retrograde faction, and of which I sent a copious extract by the *Morro Castle* on Saturday, made its appearance. Your correspondent immediately became an object of interest to newsmongers, alarmists and fools, and was overwhelmed with questions; the statements of a Yankee in an American paper had been indorsed by the chief power, the Casino Español and the powerful faction of the ex-slave traders and slavers. But the astonishment of the public was yet increased, when the *Voz de Cuba* of Saturday came out with an article threatening acts, which your correspondent predicted some weeks ago, and all Havana stands aghast at the temerity of the *Voz* in attacking such a powerful body as the Casino, its controllers, the slavers and ultra Catholics, and its tools, the lower populace and the ignorant among the volunteers. The document of the Casino is a pure and unadulterated manifestation of the Carlist Party, and an open challenge to the Ysabelinos and Republicans. The latter, of course, cannot do or say anything. Ex-Governor GUTIERREZ DE LA VEGA is nonplused, and the Voz, vibrating between an unconditional adherence to the Ysabelinos and its compromises with the revolutionary party of Spain, has valiantly taken up the gauntlet, because the consummation by the Cortes in granting the request of the Ultras, *alias* masked Carlists, would be not only the signal for the utter defeat of the aspirations of other political parties, but also the inauguration of a civil war among the Spaniards and the consequent triumph of the Cubans. The *Voz* knows this and groans. The people (the Spaniards) have so long been governed by others that they are hardly aware what self-will or a fixed opinion means, and will therefore follow their leaders; and as they have also always paid great deference and respect to office and wealth, such men as ZULUETA DURANONA, AMPUDIA, RAMON HERRERA and JIMENEZ will be secure of the aid of the masses.

The Government is nothing; it is a mere cypher, otherwise the retrograde document would not have been allowed to be forwarded to Spain, or to be published in the Havana journals; this also accounts for the nauseating flattery of RODAS by the *Prensa*. GELPI is simply blinding the eyes of RODAS, and the priest is once more making a fool of the soldier. Will the Spaniards divide into factions as in old Spain? Undoubtedly they will, but not at present. They will begin to fight when their weather-beaten ship has reached a safe harbor; that is, whenever they shall suppress the revolution. At present they are in too much danger to think of it earnestly, but let them once be secure of having crushed the rebellion, and from that day they will do their utmost to lose the island and ruin themselves. The *Vos* and *Prensa* factions, although pulling the same oar at present, are as bitter enemies as Spaniards and Cubans; only their interest and mutual danger holds them together. Perhaps sooner than expected one or the other faction will remember or become conscious of the fact that the people and the majority rule; then the Spaniards will cast off the shells of subjects and obedient taxpayers, and appear again as the real power—like the night when they compelled DULCE to abdicate and his companions to hide their heads in shame and fear.

Mr. SEWARD arrived here from Vera Cruz, with his party, on Sunday morning, and is stopping at the Telegrafo Hotel. He is, as yet, undecided as to his future movements, and will choose between Central America, South America and New-Orleans as a place of destination. The old gentleman and the remainder of the party are in fine health. Some of the members proceed to-day to New-York by the *Cleopatra*.

QUASIMODO.

Departure of the Prince.

His Royal Highness, Prince ARTHUR, left the Brevoort House, for Washington, accompanied by his suite, at an early hour yesterday morning. Minister THORNTON also went by the same train. He is expected to return in about ten days. The Washington programme has already been published in the TIMES. It is, however, as follows:

While in Washington, the Prince will be the guest of Mr. THORNTON. This evening the members of the British Legation will meet the Prince. On Monday he will call at the Executive Mansion to pay his respects to the President. In the evening there will be a dinner at the British Legation, to which have been invited the Vice-President, Chief-Justice CHASE, General SHERMAN, Senator SUMNER, and all the members of the Cabinet. There will be a reception in the evening, to which the families of the Cabinet and members of the diplomatic corps only will be invited.

On Tuesday there will be another dinner at the British Legation, to which the British Minister and Mrs. THORNTON have invited Senators CAMERON, CASSERLY, MORTON, CONKLING, HAMLIN, the Speaker of the House, the Prussian, Russian, Austrian and Turkish Ministers, and Admiral DAHLGREN. On Wednesday the Prince will dine with the President. On Thursday the Prince will dine with the Secretary of State and Mrs. FISH, and in the evening attend a ball to be given in his honor at Masonic Hall. On Friday there will be another dinner at the British Legation, to which the following gentlemen have been invited: Senators SCHURZ, WILLIAMS and ANTHONY, General BANKS, and the Belgian, Argentine, Peruvian, Danish, Spanish, Brazilian and Netherlands Ministers.

The Arrival in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Prince ARTHUR arrived in this city, in the train, at 5:30 o'clock, this afternoon. Quite a crowd was congregated at the depot eager to get a look at the Prince; but there was no opportunity for any demonstrations. The distinguished party, composed of the Prince, Minister THORNTON, and the other gentlemen who accompanied him hither, entered carriages and drove immediately to the residence of the British Minister, where, to-night, the Prince is receiving the members of the British Legation.

Accident on the Long Island Railroad—Narrow Escape of the Passengers.

While the train which left Jamaica at 10:05 yesterday morning, on the Long Island Railroad, was crossing the meadow at Hunter's Point, the locomotive ran into a cow just as it was approaching a bridge over a creek. The engine passed in safety, but the baggage car was thrown from the track and its trucks torn from their fastenings. The first two passenger cars were thrown from the track, but on opposite sides of the road, and the strength of their couplings alone prevented them from being hurled down an embankment of considerable height. GEO. JONES, the baggage master, was the only person in the baggage car. He was seriously injured in the back. A man named HEMMING, in one of the passenger cars, was somewhat bruised but not seriously injured. There were at the time about 150 passengers on the train, a majority of whom were ladies, and if the engine had been thrown from the track the loss of life would probably have been terrific, for nothing could have prevented the cars from going down the embankment and probably being precipitated into the stream. The bridge was considerably broken and the cars badly damaged.

ENGLAND.

Bishop Temple's Enthronement—Religious Topics—Roman Gossip—Colonial Matters—Political Movements—Trade—Telegraphy—A Catalogue of Disasters.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 8, 1870.

Bishop TEMPLE has been enthroned at Exeter, but several Bishops have refused to be present even at the banquet given on the occasion, fearing, perhaps, that it may be—what an English Bishop has been devoutly praying that the Ecumenical Council may be—a Belteshazzar's Feast. These Bishops declare that they will not sit in Convocation with Bishop TEMPLE, nor serve on committees with him; and the time has been when they would have been sent to the Tower to meditate upon their rebellion against a most gracious Sovereign, who is supreme in all causes, spiritual and temporal. The *John Bull* says, on "the best authority," that "the gravest doubts rest, in the opinion of many best able to judge, as to the canonicity of Dr. TEMPLE'S consecration, and the validity of the orders which he may confer," and that "no lapse of time can make him a rightful Bishop according to Church principles and Church law."

The *Times* informs the writers of these disloyal and rebellious sentiments that

"We know of no Church principles or Church law, except those of the Church of England. By that law Dr. TEMPLE is as good a Bishop as any now on the bench. The clergy who persist in their opposition must be warned that they must cease to lay claim to the position of Ministers of the National Church. They may be right and the Church of England may be wrong; but, whatever or they may be, they are not acting with loyal confidence towards the Church of England."

The hope of the Church, the *Times* believes, is now rather in the fidelity of the laity than the loyalty of the clergy, for "High Church, Low Church and Broad Church clergy all seem to agree in nothing but in disparaging the Church's laws and formularies."

The Church Press does not improve in temper. Even Christmas-tide does not bring good-will to men who differ from them in faith or opinion.

ROMAN NEWS.

We have our regular supply of correspondence from Rome, containing, I should say, chiefly the inventive gossip of the *cafés*. A Cardinal or an Archbishop has an interview with the Pope, and one or other of the English correspondents kindly gives us the particulars of their conversation. The Cardinal DE BONNECHOSE, Archbishop of Rouen, has written to the *Times* to contradict one of these stories. The *Times* publishes the letter in French, without note or comment. As it is very brief, and very much to the point, and as it is just possible that one or two readers of the NEW-YORK TIMES may have forgotten their French, I will give you a translation:

SIR: I have read only to-day, in your number of the 8th December, 1869, the account of an audience which I have had with the Holy Father. In accepting this statement your religion (?) has been deceived, for there is not in it one word of truth; the whole is a pure invention. I expect, therefore, that you will have the justice to make known this contradiction to your readers.

Which the *Times* accordingly did, by publishing this note as it was written, except a probable error, and it would have done the same, no doubt, had it been written in Arabic or Chinese.

COLONIAL MATTERS.

Lord BURY has resigned the Presidency of a self-constituted Colonial Committee in London; and there does not seem to be any special need of such a Committee, if the *Times* is well informed on the subject of Colonial loyalty.

"The strongest feeling for the maintenance of the British connection exists in all the colonies. Loyalty is the order of the day. Queen VICTORIA'S sons evoke an astonishing enthusiasm wherever they go. * * * An English Lord or notable finds himself the object of admiration according to his rank or celebrity. The affairs of England are followed with loving minuteness, English literature reigns supreme, English habits of life hold their own unchanged by distance or climate."

This is all as astonishing as the enthusiasm felt for the sons of the Queen, for, as the *Times* observes:

"It was not always so. We have only to go back a quarter of a century to find a majority of the colonies discontented, if not hostile. The ashes of the Canadian rebellion still smouldered. The Australians were quarreling with the Colonial Office about the land; the Cape people were grumbling and exacting, far surpassing in this respect the New-Zealanders of to-day. The settled idea of the Colonists was that their interests were committed to English place-hunters in order to be sacrificed to English traders. In short, the Imperial relations with the Colonies were nothing but a perpetual cycle of squabbling and scolding and coaxing, one thing being inevitable, that the mother country should in the end pay all and receive little thanks or none for her pains."

A magician's wand has been waved and all is changed. The moment the Colonies were granted self-government and virtual independence, and were told that they could cut loose from the mother country whenever they liked, and a good riddance, they became immensely loyal and would not separate from the dear old country at any price. If English statesmen had only thought of this just one century ago, what should we have been at this time! Loyal subjects of the best of Sovereigns, and whistling "God Save the Queen" instead of "Yankee Doodle."

POLITICAL MOVEMENTS.

The addresses of members of Parliament to their constituents preparatory to entering upon the approaching session are largely occupied with the two important subjects of trade and education, and the general opinion seems to be that a high-class technical and art education is the only thing that will save British trade. The French can make most things as useful as the English, but they can also make them beautiful, and so command the markets of the world.

"There might be nations still," said Mr. ADDERLEY, the other day—"he was sorry to think it—whose demand was for the less beautiful and merely useful works of art—such a nation as that of our cousins across the Atlantic—that great and powerful nation, who were so absorbed in the production of wealth that they for a time required articles of simple utility devoid of beauty. But the poetry of life throughout the whole world would gradually vindicate its own claims; and he felt convinced that the advance of education was so rapid that the markets of the world would ere long close against the manufactures devoid of beauty as much as against those devoid of invention. Therefore, this country must exert itself to keep pace with the advancing demands for the higher classes of works of art, and when it had been of late observed, and with anxiety, that England is losing a great deal of the markets of the world, it was not only because of the advance of other countries, but because England had not kept pace with the rest of the world in that technical education which enabled them to meet the advancing tastes of the purchasers."

It is in this way that the sublime legislators of this Central Flowery Kingdom talk of us outside barbarians, who do not know enough to prefer beautiful French goods to ugly English ones. Mr. MELLEY, M. P., followed on the same side. "The time had gone by," he said, "when cheapness, be it never so ugly, could supply the universe. Nothing could save England but universal education in industry and art."

TRADE.

Those who are engaged in the Reciprocity, another name for Protection, movement in England are collecting statistics of the decay of trades in certain localities. The following is an account of Chester:

"In former years there were eight large tan-yards at work here; now there are two. There were also two paper-mills—now there are none; three large ship-building yards—now there are none; a great number of skinners and glovers—now there is but one. The pipe-makers were numerous, and there was a good export trade—now there are very few. There were five pyroligneous acid works—now there are two. A manufactory for hats, one for needles, and two for fringe, have disappeared; also a soap-boiling works and sugar refinery. With the shipbuilding trade have disappeared those of the sail-makers, the ropemakers, riggers, &c. The building trade—including masons, bricklayers, carpenters, slaters, plumbers, and glaziers—is not doing much, consequently there are many men out of work."

But little can be inferred from the decay of certain trades in certain districts. The silk trade has nearly left England; shipbuilding has left the Thames; the cotton trade is not prosperous in Lancashire, but the aggregate business of the country is larger than ever, and the profits, as shown by the excess of imports, greater.

TELEGRAPHY.

The opening of telegraph wires at every Post Office in the United Kingdom has been attended with more labor than was expected. Wire, poles, instruments and fittings were needed in such quantities it was difficult to supply them. But all will be ready by the 1st of February. The Morse system of signals has been adopted, and every office has to supply itself with operators. These will be mostly young ladies from 16 upwards. The Government has established schools of instruction, and furnished every office with a dummy instrument to learn on and a book of plain instructions. New blanks have been prepared, allowing five words to each line to facilitate counting. An ardent reformer now proposes that wires should be laid on in every house, like gas or water, each one communicating with the nearest Post Office, so that every Briton, without leaving his library table could send a message to America or India, or to the lady over the way. The pay to the sub-offices is a penny a message, or eight shillings a week. The learners, as soon as they show a certain degree of proficiency, are rewarded with a sovereign. The railway stations will keep their telegraph offices as usual, and the time is not far distant when the Government will work the whole railway as well as telegraph system, working both at cost, for there should be no tax on either movement or intelligence.

A CATALOGUE OF DISASTERS.

The newspapers of this New Year's Day contain a strange catalogue of disasters: an election riot at Longford, Ireland, where JOHN MARTIN is one of the candidates; a house blown down at Limerick, and several persons killed; drownings by breaking ice; several fatal shipwrecks; accidents by fire and machinery at pantomimes, &c. Then the telegraph brings us news of the reception of the British Columbia memorial at Washington. How this news will be received we must wait to see. You, over there, know something, in a small way, of the pride of empire, and would not like to loose the poorest square mile of land that the Stars and Stripes had ever waved over. It may also be that some of the same feeling exists in what the *Daily Telegraph* calls "this mighty Empire which stretches over some 8,600,000 square miles of territory; and is inhabited by some 224,000,000 of souls; or, in other words, by one-fifth of the human race," all singing "God Save the Queen" with a *furore* of loyalty of which we poor republicans can form no adequate conception.

MONADNOCK.

OBITUARY.

George D. Prentice.

GEORGE DENNISON PRENTICE, the wit, poet and journalist, died yesterday morning at the home of his son, a few miles from Louisville, Ky. He had long been in very poor health, and therefore his death was by no means unexpected. Mr. PRENTICE was one of the best-known *littérateurs* in the country. He was a New-Englander by birth and education, but the best years of his life were lived in Kentucky, and it was there, while editor of the Louisville *Journal*, that he made his reputation. He was born in Preston, New-London County, Conn., and was graduated at Brown University, Providence, R. I., when twenty-one years old. He commenced the study of law on leaving college, but abandoned it soon after, preferring the pursuits of editorial life. In 1828 he went to Hartford and assumed the editorship of the *New-England Weekly Review*, a literary enterprise, which he carried on with ability for two years, when, anxious for a larger field and from a liking he had taken for Kentucky, he resigned its management to Mr. WHITTIER, and removed to Louisville, at that time the rival of Cincinnati, and a city, many thought, with a most brilliant future. After he had been in Louisville a few months, he was offered and accepted the editorship of the *Daily Journal*.

Mr. PRENTICE soon made himself and his paper known beyond the limits of Louisville, by the ability he displayed in his editorials and the trenchant wit of his paragraphs, then a new feature in journalism, of which he may be considered the author. He began his career as editor of a Southern paper with fierce opposition. He was derisively called a "Yankee schoolmaster" and a "New-England coward," and was treated with that contemptible supercilliousness which at that time characterized the conduct of many of the would-be Southern aristocrats towards Northern gentlemen. But these prejudices he gradually and thoroughly overcame, by his geniality, his ability and his undoubted courage. It was not long after he assumed editorial control of the *Journal* that the paper had a national reputation; and from 1840 to 1860 probably no other daily in the country, excepting those of this City, was better known. He wrote at times with untiring industry, and for weeks he would be in the office ten or twelve hours a day. Then he would relax his efforts and for a time pay little attention to the paper. When he was in the office he wrote, generally, through an amanuensis, leaders and paragraphs and often book reviews. He had so identified himself with the *Journal* that everything was attributed to him.

Mr. PRENTICE was an active and ardent politician. He began as a Whig, and during the early days of the party worked earnestly with it and for it, through his paper. At this time he formed a close friendship with HENRY CLAY, which continued uninterrupted until the death of the great Kentucky statesman. In 1840, Mr. PRENTICE became a power, not only in his adopted State but throughout the Southwest and the entire country. He was on intimate and confidential terms with the most prominent politicians and statesmen in the Republic, and could have had almost any office after the election of President HARRISON. But he never had any desire for office, preferring his position as a journalist to anything else. When the "Know Nothings" had such a brief but overshadowing success in the United States, the *Journal* espoused their cause earnestly; and when the rebellion broke out the stand PRENTICE took in favor of the Union prevented, it is generally supposed, the State from seceding. He was a bitter, unrelenting political foe, and several times had serious street fights, the weapons being sometimes walking canes and other times pistols. During this time he was literally a fighting Southern editor.

Mr. PRENTICE'S poetical writings are numerous. Quite a number first appeared in the *Review*, his Hartford paper; and the best of them have been collected in the *Poets of Connecticut*, though some that have been considered quite good appear in the *Selections from the Poetical Literature of the West*. His poems are generally in a serious vein, chiefly expressions of sentiment and the domestic affections. He has never published any of his writings in book form himself; but a volume of some of his witticisms, under the title of *Prenticeana*, was published in 1860, and was widely circulated.

A year or more ago the *Journal* was merged into the *Courier*, of Louisville, which has since been put under the title of the *Courier-Journal*. But the change was death to PRENTICE'S journal. Mr. PRENTICE, it is true, remained on the staff as a sort of ornament, but he had little if any influence in the editorial management of the wedded journals. He should, therefore, not be held in any way responsible for their political course.

Mr. PRENTICE married a Louisville lady soon after he became editor of the *Journal*. He has had two sons, both of whom, to his great sorrow, joined the Southern Army and fought against the country in the war of the rebellion. One was killed in a skirmish at Augusta, Ky., and it was at the home of the other that Mr. PRENTICE died.

WASHINGTON.

Speech Making in the House—Proposed Changes in Custom House Regulations—The Woman Suffrage Question—Miscellaneous.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—No legislation took place at the Capitol to-day. The Senate was not in session, and the House was in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union. In other words, the session was purely to enable members to make speeches to be sent into their districts. The principal one was, perhaps, that made by General LOGAN in favor of the removal of the Capital. The honorable gentleman talked long and eloquently, without, however, bringing forward a single reason that has not been yet given why the seat of Government should be changed.

CUSTOM HOUSE REGULATIONS.

Some of the New-York importers are endeavoring to effect such a change in the Custom House regulations as will enable them to take packages from the bonded warehouses to their establishments, and have them there broken and examined by the inspectors, and marked so as to prevent their seizure during subsequent transhipment to other points. The Custom House authorities object to this, on the ground that it entails a great deal of additional trouble and expense.

THE TARIFF BILL.

The Ways and Means Committee were in session for five or six hours to-day, being engaged in over hauling the Tariff bill, which they expect to be able to get up on Monday.

THE GOLD INVESTIGATION.

The Banking and Currency Committee to-day examined JAMES FISK and GOULD. FISK gave his history of the gold conspiracy, and endeavored to connect some of the Government officials with it. He narrated his interviews with President GRANT last Summer at Newport and Long Branch, and blamed CORBIN for the whole transaction.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

The Committees for the District of Columbia met in joint session this morning, and received and heard a delegation from the Female Suffrage Convention in favor of the exercise of "the right" in this District. The delegation was nearly two hundred in number—nearly all ladies. The Committee was addressed by Mrs. STANTON, Mrs. HOOKER, Miss ANTHONY and several others. The last-named speaker said if only one woman, or no woman, in the District desired to vote, they should have the right to do so, if their protection made the exercise of the ballot necessary. The Committee listened attentively to the speakers, but gave no indication of a disposition to grant their request. There were present of the Committees Senators Hamlin, Sumner, Patterson, Rice, Vickers, Pratt and Harris, and Representatives Cook, Welker, Williams, Hamlin, Cowles, Bowles and Gilfillan. In addition to the ladies already mentioned, there were present Paulina Wright Davis, Matilda Joslyn Gage, Charlotte Wilbur, Phœbe Cozzens and Mme. Anneke. The room was crowded, and for nearly two hours the interest was kept up, the Committee asking many pertinent questions, to which the ladies made prompt answers. At the close, a general introduction and conversation ensued; a lunch given by Senator POMEROY was also enjoyed. All agreed that the occasion was one not to be forgotten. Mr. SUMNER said that in the twenty years of his public life he had never seen more interest manifested by a Congressional Committee in any question, nor a cause more ably presented by its advocates.

NEEDS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

In pursuance with an appointment made with the President a few days ago, the following citizens called at the Executive Mansion to-day: Messrs. John W. Forney, W. W. Corcoran, W. S. Huntingdon, J. G. Berrett, W. B. Todd, W. H. Philip, Hallet Kilbourn, W. G. Metzerott, S. R. Brown, J. W. Thompson, James A. Magruder and Alexander R. Shepherd, as citizens representing the business interests of this District, regardless of the political complications of the day. W. W. CORCORAN introduced the several members of the Committee, and stated to the President that they had called to ask him, as President of the nation and the guardian of the District, to call the special attention of Congress to the pressing needs of the community, to the fact that the continued agitation for a removal of the Capital was affecting their interests injuriously, and paralyzing the development of the District. That the conditions of the avenues of the metropolis, the channel of the river, the canal, and the existing fact that so large a proportion of the laboring classes were in need of employment, suggested the propriety of such action on the part of Congress as would insure the necessary aid in relieving these pressing wants, by the improvement of the public avenues and property in a corresponding degree with that accomplished by the City Government. Colonel W. J. FORNEY and W. H. PHILLIP enlarged upon the great wants of the nation's Capital, and of the great good which would accrue by the action of the President in this matter. The proposed World's Fair was alluded to, and great satisfaction expressed that the President had given his sanction to the undertaking by his subscription as well as his personal interest manifested in the affair. The President said he wished to see the seat of the Government made such as to arouse the pride of the citizens of the Republic, and acceptable, at least, to the proper consideration of the people of the Old World. At the conclusion of the interview the President stated that he appreciated the disadvantages under which the citizens of the District labored, and that he would help them out to the full extent of his power.

THE RUSSIAN MINISTER'S DINNER.

Mr. CATACAZY, the Russian Minister, this evening gave the first of a series of grand dinner parties, at which General and Mrs. SHERMAN, Speaker BLAINE and his wife, Baron GEROLT, Prince DOLGORONKY and other persons prominent in political and diplomatic circles were present. The appointments and service were of the most sumptuous character. A novel feature of the entertainment was the performance, according to primitive programme, of operatic music by a stringed band.

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD CASE.

Judge FISHER, to-day, in the Criminal Court, passed sentence on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Besides the fines of $1,500 and $1,000, it is required to remove, at its own cost, various railroad nuisances now obstructing the streets, and fill up the excavations. The city has thus triumphed over that corporation.

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY STATEMENT.

The receipts of fractional currency for the week ending to-day amount to $758,000.

Shipments.

To the Assistant Treasurer at New-York	$200,000
To the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia	130,000
To the Assistant Treasurer at Baltimore	25,000
To the Assistant Treasurer at Mobile	10,000
To the Assistant Treasurer at Pittsburg	25,000
To national banks and others	149,672
The Treasurer holds in trust as security for national bank circulation	$342,303,350
And for public deposits	18,941,000
Mutilated bank notes burned during the week	218,890
Total amount burned	19,294,027
Bank currency issued for bills destroyed during the week	216,680
Total amount issued therefor	19,121,380
Balance due for mutilated notes	172,147
Bank circulation outstanding	299,746,610
Fractional currency redeemed and destroyed during the week	559,100

NAVY.

Official dispatches from the South Atlantic Fleet have been received at the Navy Department. Rear-Admiral LANMAN, in his flagship *Lancaster*, arrived at Bahia Dec. 24, twenty-seven days from Funchals, Madeira, and expected to sail on the 29th for Rio. The customary civilities were extended to and received from the Brazilian authorities, and visits exchanged with the naval chiefs of the division and the President of the province. LOUIS BRANDON, seaman, in the act of furling the maintop gallant sail, was killed by falling upon the deck. He was one of the most active and worthy men of the ship. The *Portsmouth*, *Quinnebaug* and *

CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE OLD GEOLOGIST.

Amid his fossils stretched he lay,
Himself almost a fossil,
Fast burning out the vital ray,—
Truth's sturdiest apostle.

Bones, teeth, and shells which he had found,
Queer spoils of happy labors,
And grinning saurians plastered round,—
These were his friends and neighbors.

Awhile they lived, anon they died,
Each fitly in his station,
Where Life and Death worked side by side,
Twin daughters of Creation.

In rankest jungles freely roved
A thousand curious creatures;
He knew them well, and knowing loved
Their gaunt, ungainly features.

He tracked the endless march of time
Along the steps of ages;
His searching reason found no prime,
But only older stages.

New shapes of elder shapes were born,—
No break in the succession,—
A waxing day without a morn,—
One whole and grand progression.

And is this all? is this the sum
Of man's supreme endeavor,
To know that, when the hour is come,
He too must pass—for ever,—

Like any other feeble prey
For whom, beyond debating,
With ready arrow poised alway,
Sure Death is calmly waiting?

Shall spotless Truth whom he has wooed
With all a martyr's passion,
Declare the fate, in mocking mood,
That slays him in such fashion?

His loyal flame ne'er growing dim
Shall he hereafter cherish,
Or must she veil her face for him,
And leave him now to perish?

The secret of this wondrous plan
By searching who can find it?
Yet something tells the inner man
There must be more behind it.

—*Saint Pauls Magazine.*

M. MENARS AND HIS DAUGHTER

CHAPTER I.—THE BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE.

One of the peculiarities of London is, that its houses have no physiognomy; you cannot tell from the exteriors what they are likely to be inside. The stranger who is looking out for a dinner may very likely be attracted by a clean, bright-looking window, as gay as plate-glass, artificial flowers and real fruit artistically set out can make it; and so he enters a low, dingy apartment, divided into pews, in each of which is a table spread with a coarse cloth, porter and gravy-stained, filthy knives and forks, and a cruet stand which no one would ever use who once saw it in broad daylight; here, too, he is served with abominably-dressed viands; whereas, if he had chanced to enter a low gloomy passage a hundred yards off, he would have emerged into a bright, handsome, lofty hall, where both essentials and accessories were adapted to the most refined tastes and habits. The most solid banks in appearance are rarely so in reality, and more business is done in pokey offices than palatial ones. It is the same with churches, theatres and private dwelling houses; you cannot tell their characters from their outsides.

Now, any one taking a short cut from Oxford-street to Leicester-square, and passing through Frogmore-place, would hardly feel tempted to make his home in that locality, unless economy combined with a central situation were of very great importance to him, or he were a disciple of Mark Tapley, and desirous of testing that great philosopher's method to the utmost. The shops did not seem thriving; there is very little traffic; a plague-like stillness pervades the street. More smuts alight on your nose than in other thoroughfares; the bricks look worm-eaten—as perhaps they are, for it is wonderful what digestions some insects have—the mortar deficient, the windows dusty; nor has it occurred to any landlord since the days of Queen Anne that a coat of paint might be beneficial to the outer woodwork. Number six was not distinguishable from the other houses by any external attributes, and yet when you opened the front door and entered the passage, you found yourself in a different atmosphere. The oil-cloth and wall-paper were of the cheapest description, but tastefully chosen, clean and bright: the stair carpet, again, though of common drugget, had a new, fresh, well-brushed look; and you would not have hesitated to lay hold of the banisters in white kid gloves. But it was in the sitting-room on the first floor that the contrast between the inside and outside of the house was most striking. There were three large mirrors with broad gilt frames upon the walls; two highly ornamented and sentimental time-pieces pointed to different hours and were both wrong: the chairs and sofas were of red velvet and gilded nails; the table-cover was gorgeous; and fragile knick-knacks, some funny, others pastoral, but all glittering or pretty, were arranged wherever they could add to the general cheerful effect. This was the home of Monsieur Jules Menars and his daughter Marie, who breakfasted every morning at 11, off meat, fruit, flowers and light wine, and used napkins at the meal, like benighted foreigners as they were.

"I am ready for the coffee, my cabbage," said M. Menars, a middle-aged, middle-sized man, clean shaved with the exception of a bushy moustache, which he wiped as he spoke.

"Directly, little papa," replied the girl, a graceful brunette; and she tripped out of the room. She returned in five minutes with an envelope in her hand, as well as the coffee-pot. "O papa," she cried, "Monsieur Victor has given us an order for the Lyceum this evening. There is a new piece which is, oh, so beautiful; he says that there has never been one to equal it before! And there is an overture with a solo for him, which he plays all by himself; only think!"

"Ah, yes," said her father, rolling up a cigarette; "I have noticed that that is a peculiarity of solos. Victor has talent and will make his way. As for the play, I daresay that it is very good; but the London plays always seem to me a little sad. The English can paint fine scenery, and accomplish wonderful effects, but they cannot act like the French, truly not! If we were going to see a Parisian vaudeville this evening, now—ah!"

"Ah, yes. How I should like to see Paris again; I was so young when we left!"

"See Paris. Why, so you probably will, either with me or another. Aha! there is the sound of Victor's flageolet; no doubt he is practising the new music."

"Yes, papa; how soft and sweet it sounds, coming through the ceiling!"

"Hum; I am glad that his instrument is not the ophicleide, certainly." And so M. Menars touched and evaded a question which was the puzzle of his daughter's life; why did they live in England? He could not be an exile on political grounds, because he received a pension from his Government, which, together with what he got for giving fencing lessons to a few pupils, and her earnings as a maker of artificial flowers, at which she was very skillful, kept their little household in some comfort indeed, but did not go so far as, from all accounts, it would have done in their own country. Since Marie wanted to know her father's reasons for residing in England, why did she not ask him the question directly? Because there was something about M. Menars which prevented every one, even his favorite child, from pressing a subject which he evidently wished to avoid. Marie was five years old when her mother died, and her father brought her over to England twelve years before, and she had an indistinct recollection of seeing him in uniform, with a sword by his side. She asked him once if he had not been a soldier, and he replied: "O yes; he had been drawn in the conscription like the others;" and hurried, as ever, from the topic of his former life. Of course the girl had her theory of his reticence, and of course it was a romantic one. He could not recover from the shock of her mother's death, nor bear, even at this distance of time, any allusion to the period, the places, or the scenes which recalled her. An improbable solution, if the novelists and dramatists of Deal hold the mirror up to nature at all; but it satisfied her, and that was the principal thing. Besides, I expect that our neighbors love their wives occasionally, though they are so bitter against them.

Victor Bernardi was a young Italian musician who had come over to England to make his fortune, and who found the meaning of that vague expression expand weekly. A fortune in Italy is not a fortune in London, and a bachelor's competence may be downright penury if he indulges in a wife and family. The young musician, however, had real talent, and would probably have secured a better place in the race of life by this time had he not been heavily weighted with a secret care at starting—a care which made him listless, absent, perpetually apprehensive. But as time passed on, and that which he feared happened not, he revived, and then he met Marie, and the nightmare of his youth vanished, or, if it returned upon him at times, it was as a vague horror belonging to a former state of existence, from which he was now happily free. Nothing ran counter to the current of his happiness now; Marie returned his love, which was of Italian passionateness; her father approved it; lack of fortune alone remained, but that was to be remedied by industry and earnestness. In the meantime, the young people amused themselves with building those castles in the air which the dull sneer at so stupidly—for is not Heaven in the air?

It was a pretty little supper that awaited them on returning from the theatre that evening. Not an extravagant meal—a meagre one indeed to some English ideas—most temptingly laid out. The young musician was delayed a little, so that the others arrived before him, and Marie had plenty of time to put her finishing touches. Ah, there is a deal of coquetry in the decoration of a table, if young ladies only knew it; though some of them do, bless them! that and a great deal more than I could tell them; only they are sometimes too proud or lazy to devote their talents to the decoration of anything but their own fair persons, which is lily-painting.

"Did you notice, papa, how the pupils applauded Victor's solo?"

"Yes, my dear; and I think that I could even mention the leader of the *claque*.

"Oh!" cried Marie, turning away and blushing, "I am sure I did not clap half so loud as—as you yourself for example."

"Doubtless you did not. My great flappers are more effective, so far as volume of sound goes, than your little flies' paws. The goose could express his delight in a way to drown the voice of the bullfinch, but some persons would prefer to hear the smaller bird. And here is one of them," added M. Menars, as Victor Bernardi entered the room, bearing in his hand a roll of pink tissue paper, which proved, when unfolded, to contain a bottle of champagne, which he placed on the table with a triumphant air. Marie, the little gourmand, uttered a cry of pleasure; M. Menars shook his head.

"It is an occasion," said Victor, apologetically. "What do you think the director had to say to me? Why, that my salary is to be raised! Ah, but I have not done; there is better still. What do you say to an engagement to play at some concerts in the afternoon, which will not interfere with my duties at the theatre! I begin to see my way; and before Christmas, Monsieur Menars, I may claim from you the fulfillment of your promise." Then ensued hand shakings, congratulations, embracings; and the three sat down to a supper which was enlivened with jokes, laughter, and songs. Never did a bottle of champagne shed its benign influence over a happier group.

CHAPTER II.—DINNER AT A FIXED PRICE.

It is a wonderful example of the power of early education and habits, that strangers should be found in every country who insist upon dining badly, in imitation of the manner of their own homes, rather than adapt their tastes to those of the natives. The rich, indeed, dine well, and much after the same fashion, almost everywhere; it is among those who have to practice economy that the absurd practice is prevalent; and in every capital enterprising purveyors make their profit out of it. The Englishman in Paris may earn indigestion in an uncomfortable box, with sawdust under his feet, and an absurd burlesque upon mutton chops and beer before him; and the Frenchman in London can poison himself with bad viands and the most horrible concoction that ever was called wine, at a price which would give him a cut from a prime joint, floury potatoes, and a pint of excellent stout. Victor Bernardi was one of these gastronomical bigots, and because he had been used to dine off half a dozen nominally different dishes, with three nuts, a couple of raisins, and a shriveled pear for dessert, and a pint of thin wine to mix with his water, in his childhood, he hankered after similar repasts still, and patronized a restaurant where the fixed price was half a crown, and a very dear half crown's worth it was, had he been unbiased.

At 5 o'clock, then, on the day after the little supper, he entered that establishment as happy a man as ever sat down to dinner. He was excessively in love, and now for the first time since that accident happened to him had a good prospect of speedily obtaining the object of his desires, so there is no need to enlarge upon his felicity. He felt, indeed, as if he trod upon air, but had no wish to live upon it; joy had damaged his sleep, but not his appetite; and he took his accustomed seat with a most unromantic intention not to cry "hold, enough!" till he reached his raisin. The place certainly looked perfectly foreign; and once past its portals you might well imagine yourself in the Palais Royal instead of the heart of London. At the entrance was a *comptoir*—it is hateful to use French words, but it is not a counter, nor is it a bar—with a dame from Paris enthroned behind it, among flowers and bottles; and as the customers entered they touched their hats. The establishment was of triple nature, restaurant, café, billiard room—the central and largest compartment being the café, which was separated from the other rooms, which ran along either side of it, by arches, which, in the case of the restaurant division, were glazed. Thus you dined in a gallery, along which ran a single row of tables, facing the arches, which were filled alternately with transparent plate glass and mirrors; so that it depended upon your situation whether you admired yourself during the meal, or looked through into the café, and caught glimpses of the billiard players through the corresponding arches beyond. Victor Bernardi placed himself in the latter position, and commenced his dinner. He sipped his blacking water as if he liked it, swallowed the wash which was served for soup without a grimace; ate the tenth part of a fresh herring, with a caper on it, which was ushered in with a long name, and then became aware of an eye which was watching him through the window opposite. We are told that a cat may look at a King, and certainly His Majesty is not likely to be annoyed by the inspection; but when a cat looks at a small bird the case is different, and the gaze which was now fixed upon Victor seemed to exercise a like horrible influence upon him. It proceeded from a man whose long hair, mustache and beard were so intensely black that his bloodless pasty face looked quite unearthly by the contrast; while I can only describe the expression of his glance by saying that the least imaginative person who met it would have been enabled to understand the Italian superstition of the Evil Eye. He was dressed in black garments, which would have passed muster well enough by candle light, but looked shabby and shining in the day; and over his shoulders was thrown a short cloak or cape, though the afternoon was a warm one. Directly the man saw that he had attracted Victor Bernardi's attention, he rose, passed out of the cafe into the restaurant, and came up to his table.

"The night is dark," he murmured, bending over towards him.

"But the day is breaking," replied Victor in faltering accents.

"Come to me when you have finished your repast; I await you." And he returned to his former place, where Victor soon joined him, for swallowing another mouthful was quite out of the question. The young man had had time, however, to recover his presence of mind, and there was firmness in his voice when he said: "What do you want with me, Pedro Nero? I cannot be forced into any fresh designs; I was freed from that by the task allotted to me; and now I have settled my life, and have other views than yours. Leave me in peace, and go your way."

"I seek to force you into no fresh plot," replied the other, "but only to warn you that the task you are bound by oath to perform is yet unaccomplished."

"And is that my fault?" asked Victor.

"I say not that it is your fault. No one brother has a right to judge the conduct of another; only to accuse, or to execute judgment. But there is no question of blame or praise. I am sent to warn you that the time has arrived for the performance of your task, and to see that you accomplish it."

"But he is beyond my reach; he is dead."

"Not so; he lives. More; he is in England, in London. Hark!" And the man placed his lips to Victor Bernardi's ear, and hissed a sentence which made his blood curdle. He literally gasped for breath; the room swam round, and he as nearly fainted as a man can without actually losing consciousness.

"I do not believe it!" he gasped at length.

"Yes, you do," replied the other; "but if you require proofs, you shall have them. Meet me when your theatre has closed. And now rouse yourself; it is time that you should go, and suspicion must not be excited by any alteration in your way of life."

What a happy thing it is that our habits are stronger than our passions. It increases the responsibility of life, perhaps, because the former are for the most part contracted of our own free will, and deliberately; but it makes us much more useful to one another socially. How inconvenient it would be if the baker, when jilted, forgot to make his bread; or the hairdresser clipped my ear off in a state of pecuniary embarrassment; or the doctor could not attend to his patients when his own child lay a-dying. Victor Bernardi went to the Lyceum, took his place in the orchestra, played his music correctly, without full consciousness of what he was doing. It was the same thing the next day, and the next day, and the next. He could hardly believe that he was really eating, drinking, walking, playing; but it seemed to him that he must awake presently and find all a nightmare. He avoided the Menars, who began to be alarmed for him. Twice he met Marie on the staircase, and stopped; but he did not seem able to make up his mind to say what he wanted; and after gazing upon her with an agonized look, he buried his face in his hands and fled.

"He is ill. Your musical men are always highly nervous, and apt to be queer for a while," said M. Menars to his daughter; but what he said to himself was: "The young man is either touched in the brain, or he has committed a bad crime; and whichever it is, he is not a fit husband for my Marie. It is a pity, too, for I liked him."

CHAPTER III.—A CONFESSION IN ST. JAMES' PARK.

On the fourth day Victor Bernardi recovered, not his happiness indeed, but his calmness, his presence of mind. He watched for M. Menars to leave the house, and hurried after him.

"I wish to speak with you privately," he said.

"Shall we return?" asked M. Menars, pausing.

"No, no; Marie might come in. I must speak with you undisturbed. Come with me to St. James' Park."

They walked together in silence to the *rus in urbe* mentioned, and as it was early in the day, found it as deserted as Victor had anticipated. There were a few nursemaids and children; a pair or two of lovers; a sprinkling of the lower class of criminals, who had been prowling about all night, and had now got over the iron railings, and were sleeping on the grass; no one likely to notice them.

"I have a confession to make," Victor began. "When I was very young, before I left my home and saw what the real world was like, I was very romantic. I lived in a world of poetry and imagination; and as love had not yet spoken to my heart, it was in friendship that I found a vent for my affections. My friend was a politician, an ardent democrat, a devout believer in utopian schemes for the regeneration of mankind; and he infected me with his enthusiasm. So there came a day when he proposed to me that I should become enrolled among the members of a secret society. The mere fact that he belonged to it would have decided me; but the mystery, the secret meetings, the unknown dangers, had an irresistible charm for me, and I embraced his offer with insane joy; nor was it until it was too late to retract that I discovered to what I had really pledged myself. Then, indeed, I was so horror-struck, that the sympathy I had once had with the ends and aims of the fraternity died in my repugnance to the means employed; I avoided all participation in its schemes as much as I could from the first, and it was the desire I felt to escape from the toils into which I had blindly rushed which determined me to come to England. Before I left, however, I was summoned to a meeting of the fraternity, at which the destiny of my life was sealed. Years and years before, a brother had been pursued to the death by some member of the French Police, whom the chiefs had hitherto failed to identify; but a recent political trial, in the course of which the events of a former conspiracy were brought to light, had revealed him; and the present assembly was convened for the double purpose of sentencing him to death and deciding by lot whose hand should carry out the decree. For the lapse of time signified nothing; the vengeance of the society never dies. The lot fell to me!

I was allowed to carry out my intention of pursuing the musical profession in England, for the present habitation of the condemned man was not known, and it was suspected that he was living under an assumed name in that country; but I was to hold myself in readiness to seek and slay him at a word or a sign. It was with this horror upon me that I commenced life; it was with the ever-haunting thought that I was destined for an assasin, I who could not bear to see an animal in pain, that I addressed myself to earn my bread in a foreign land. It was that necessity, and the music, which brought me the relief of opium, which prevented my going mad during the first year of constant dread and expectation. At the end of that time, I began to hope that the signal which had been so long delayed would never be given, and my spirits recovered; and then I met Marie and loved her. But I did not intimate my love by word or sign, while there was yet a chance that the hand which would fain have clasped hers might become stained with blood. It was not until I heard that the man I had sworn to murder was dead, and felt myself freed from the horrible chain which had bound me, that I sought to win her, and found, to my intense joy, that I was beloved in return, and that you, her father, approved of me. I will not speak of my happiness, of the new life which sprang up within me—you know it, you have witnessed it. But now my hopes are shattered, my short Summer has passed away, for it was a false report which asserted that the man who had incurred the vengeance of the Brotherhood had eluded their grasp; and you—you are Simon Sartènes, the man I am bidden to slay!"

Here Victor, who had hitherto controlled his feelings, in order to tell his story clearly, threw himself upon a seat, and buried his face in his hands. M. Menars had listened to him without apparent surprise, calmly smoking his cigarette; when he heard that he himself was the denounced man, he took it from his lips, and blew the smoke out through his nostrils.

"Aha!" he said, "I was to have been the victim, then; only I happen to have a pretty daughter, and so my executioner hesitates. There are advantages in being a parent, then, after all. But, come, come," he continued in a graver tone, patting the young man's shoulder; "I understand something of men, and under no circumstances could you have brought yourself to draw knife or pistol on one who was unarmed. Oh! I know all about your oaths, and how terribly they work upon the imaginations of those who take them; but you would have preferred perjury to murder."

"I cannot say what I might have done," replied Victor Bernardi, raising his head. "There is but one resource left me now. Farewell forever; tell Marie that my last thoughts were of her."

"Bah! Victor; you must not commit suicide to avoid the vengeance of the Brothers; that would be cowardly; besides, it is not common sense. England is not Italy, or even France; and the hand of the assassin falters here, where the arm of the law is so long and strong, and where juries are not used to append the saving clause of 'extenuating circumstances' to their verdicts."

"But the vengeance of the society extends to the wife and children of the member who turns traitor. Marie can never be mine, and how can I live without her?"

"Come, be calm, if you can," said M. Menars. "Sit down again, Victor, and listen to me. You have been duped, deceived; I am not Simon Sartènes. He is dead, as you were truly informed. It is true that I was formerly an agent of Police, and that I live in England because, in the zealous prosecution of my duty, I incurred the vengeance of a powerful political fraternity. It is also true that I worked much in concert with Sartènes, and that we often adopted the same names and disguises in order to throw our enemies off the track. But all this must be well known to the chiefs of the Sons of the Morning Star. Oh, you need divulge nothing; I know more of your fraternity and its members than you do yourself; and believe me it is a private and personal vengeance which has sought to turn your hand against me."

"But with what object? I know not of an enemy," gasped Victor, whose brain reeled under these sudden transitions from despair to hope.

"If the man who told you that Simon Sartènes lives, and that I am he, was the villain known as Pedro Nero—— Ah, you start, and I have guessed correctly. The matter is simple then. Pedro Nero loves Marie, and attempted a year ago to abduct her from her home, sending a false message which purported to come from me while I was away. Happily, I returned sooner than was expected, prevented the crime, and punished the cowardly wretch as he deserved. He hates me, then; he hates you too, because Marie loves you. What a vengeance it would have been for him if he had succeeded in turning your hand against my life?"

"Oh, I see it all!" cried Victor. "Yet him not cross my path, or I shall be tempted to become an assassin in very truth!"

"You can do better than that," replied M. Menars. "Denounce him to the Central Committee as having attempted to make use of his authority for his own private ends to the injury of a Brother."

"No, never again will I hold any communication with the fraternity," said Victor, with a shudder.

"Then leave him to God. And now come home, and set Marie's mind at rest, for she cannot think what is the matter with you."

Victor Bernardi has never heard anything more of Pedro Nero, or of the secret society of which he was so inefficient a member. Soon after his confession in St. James' Park, he was in a position to furnish a house in Kensington; and before a year had elapsed, he took Marie to it as his wife—a room being appropriated to M. Menars, who lives with them. They give delightful little parties, for Bernardi is well known in artistic and dramatic circles, and composes a good deal of the light music which is just now in such great demand for ballets and extravaganzas. Some of his children may perhaps take to the lyric stage; there is a small Bernardi who has a powerful voice, but it is not harmonious at present.

FRAGMENTS FROM GOETHE'S CONVERSATIONS.—The following are extracts from a new work, published in Stuttgart, containing a record of conversations between GOETHE and FREDERICK MULLER:

"Morality (said GOETHE, in the pleasant conversation at Dornburg,) is a perpetual endeavor to reconcile our personal claims with the laws of the invisible realms. Towards the end of the last century, when men sought to subject them to the uncertain calculations of theories of pleasure alone, morals had grown slack and slavish. It was KANT who first comprehended them in their intellectual importance; and even if he has defined them with unnecessary severity in the 'categorical imperative,' his is the undying merit of having brought us out of the feebleness in which we were sunk. * * The popular philosophy has always been repugnant to me. I could on this account more easily agree with KANT, who destroyd it. But I have never meddled much with his *Kritik der reinen Vernunft*. * * In COUSIN there is nothing absolutely in opposition to my views, but he does not understand that while there can be eclectic philosophers there cannot be an eclectic philosophy. We are hardly surprised to find GOETHE defending dueling: 'Of what consequence is a human life? A single battle destroys thousands. It is more important that the principle of a point of honor, a certain security against rude acts, should be kept living.' I remained true to myself and lived in my own way, (he says of his old days among the circle of his famous literary companions;) so I have always been, and so I will remain as long as I live; and beyond this in the stars, I trust; I have selected some already, where I intend to carry on my pranks. * * Character does not take the place of knowledge, but it strengthens it. The absoluteness of my character has always come well to my assistance in all the affairs and complications of life; I could keep silence for months, and endure like a dog, but hold my object fast; and if then I could go forward to its fulfillment, I pressed with all my strength directly towards the goal, and let what would happen at the right or left. But how often I have been calumniated! Most frequently when my acts were noblest. Yet the clamor of men did not trouble me at all. I would rather hang myself than be eternally denying, eternally in opposition, always lying in wait for the faults and weaknesses of a companion, a neighbor. * * One must not see old friends again; one does not come into sympathy with them again; each has learned a new language. He who is in earnest with his self-culture will shun this; the discord that must occur can only act troublingly upon us, and it dims the pure picture of former friendship. * * If one played no mad pranks in youth, and if one did not carry away a back well beaten, where would one find material for thought in age? * * A man should read a book and allow it to make its impression upon him,—give himself up to this impression; then he will form a right judgment of its value.

VIRGINIA DURING THE WAR.—The obscure hamlets, the old taverns and court houses, the towns, rivers, cross roads and "runs" of Virginia became names that thrilled the hearts of millions with triumph or agony, and are now inscribed on countless gravestones throughout New-England and the West, as the scenes of their children's martyrdom. The lonely swamps sheltered hordes of fugitives, the isolated turnpikes rang with the tread of armies, the woods shadowed the sharpshooter, the earth was honeycombed with rifle pits and billowy with ramparts; leagues of forest were transformed into treeless plains; old family mansions became military headquarters; signals made the dumb air articulate; tobacco warehouses were converted into foul prisons; the ground shook beneath heavy artillery, and the winds were laid by the echoes of cannon; rival banners glowed in the dawn, and the stars looked down on myriads of fresh graves; the grove, familiar only with the sportsman's solitary step, was a hospital where hundreds of pallid sufferers were ministered to; the mournful cadence of a negro hymn, the quickly-uttered passwords of the sentinel, the whistle of a bullet, the shrill bugle call or the drummer's *rappel*, were the accustomed sounds which broke on the soldier's reverie; where once blithely rose and sang the English lark, carrion buzzards darkened the air; bivouac and battle alternated; bonfires of public documents warmed the veteran, and the smoke of the consolatory pipe rose from the trenches. The scene of CORNWALLIS' surrender, which gloriously closed the drama of that Revolution that made the colonists free, became the fortified arena where, for weary weeks, native citizens of an independent Republic confronted each other with the wariness and implements of organized warfare. The campaign and the skirmish usurped the place of sport and hospitality.—*H. T. Tuckerman, in Putnam's Magazine.*

THE FOUNDLING HOSPITAL IN LONDON.—Though infants received into the hospital are never again seen by their mothers, (save in peculiar cases,) a species of intercourse with them is still permitted. Mothers are allowed to come every Monday and ask after their children's health, but are allowed no further information. On an average, about eight women per week avail themselves of this privilege, and there are some who come regularly every fortnight. Even when application is made by mothers for the return of their child it is frequently refused; when he is apprenticed no intercourse is permitted between them, unless master and mistress, as well as parent and child, approve of it; nor when he has attained maturity, unless the child as well as the mother demand it. Thus a woman, who was married from the hospital, and had borne seven children, once requested to know her parents, on the ground that "there was money belonging to her," and her application was refused. But in November of the same year the name of a certain Foundling was revealed upon the application of a solicitor, and his setting forth that money had been invested for its use by the dead mother; the governors granting this request upon the ground that the mother herself had disclosed the secret, which they were otherwise bound to keep inviolable. Again, in 1833, a Foundling, seventy-six years of age, was permitted, for certain good reasons, to become acquainted with his own name, though, as one may imagine, not with his parent. It is a wise child in the Foundling who even knows its own mother.

The most touching portion of this report is the account of the stratagems resorted to by women to identify their children, and assure themselves of their well-being. Sometimes notes are found attached to the infant's garments, beseeching the nurse to tell the mother her name and residence, that the latter may visit her child during its stay in the country; and they have been even known to follow the van on foot which conveys their little one to its new home. They will also attend the baptism in the chapel, in the hope of hearing the name conferred upon the infant; for, if they succeed in identifying the child during its stay at nurse, they can always preserve the identification during its subsequent abode in the hospital, since the children appear in chapel twice on Sunday, and dine in public on that day, which gives opportunities of seeing them from time to time, and preserving the recollection of their features. In these attempts at discovery, mistakes, however, are often committed, and attention lavished on the wrong child; instances have even occurred of mothers coming in mourning attire to the hospital to return thanks for the kindness bestowed upon their deceased offspring, only to be informed that they are alive and well.

It is stated that children who are discovered by the mother are spoiled by indulgence—and we can imagine that efforts to make up for the past would be lavish enough in such cases—and rarely turn out well.

One exception to the rule of non-intercourse is related, where a medical attendant certified that the sanity of one unhappy woman might be affected unless she was allowed to see her child.

THE TWO PARTRIDGES.

From the French.

A man named Gombaux caught a couple of partridges behind a hedge. He took them home and ordered them to be roasted; but wishing that the priest of the town, to whom he was under certain obligations, should share in his good luck, he sallied forth to invite him, pending the cooking of the birds by Marie, his wife. Before his return the partridges were cooked, and Marie took them off the spit to put them on a plate; but in moving them a piece of the flesh of one adhered to the spit. She ate it; you would have done the same thing; but unfortunately it tasted so delicious that she was tempted to take another little piece off the partridge.

We all of us in this world have our various pleasures. One loves money, another horses, a third poetry. Marie loved delicate food, and for one delicious mouthful she would have given all the money, horses and poems in the world.

The temptation to continue eating now that she had commenced was irresistible. She took one of the birds, and, leg by leg, wing by wing, devoured it. Still her husband did not return. One more partridge remained. The temptation was appalling. She tasted the neck, which led to her breaking off a wing, and the end of it was there were no partridges left! A moment after Gombaux entered, and inquired if the partridges were cooked.

"Alas!" answered Marie, "a horrid cat, when my back was turned a moment, entered the room and stole them."

The peasant, not blieving this, flew into a terrible rage, and darting at his wife, threatened to immolate her.

"It was only my fun—only my fun!" she shouted. "You imbecile! couldn't you see it was a joke? I have covered them up to keep them warm."

"It's very lucky for you it is so," answered the man; "for *ventredieu*, they would have cost you dearer than at the market. Hand me my goblet and best napkin. I'll go and await my guest in the farmyard. I mean to take our dinner into the fields and eat it on the grass."

"A capital idea," said the woman. "But first go and sharpen your knife ready to commence; it wants sharpening badly."

Gombaux threw off his gown, and going to the yard commenced sharpening his knife upon a stone. Just as he went out by the back door the priest entered by the front.

"Save yourself, sir—save yourself!" Marie hoarsely whispered. "There is no time to be lost. Gombaux will soon return, and you are then a dead man."

"What do you mean by talking like this?" exclaimed the priest. "Are you mad with your Gombaux? Of course he will return, and I hope very soon, too; for we are to eat a couple of partridges together."

"This is only a ruse to get you here, Sir," she answered, speaking rapidly. "We have no partridges here, as you may see; but he wants to lay hands on you, and swears that if he catches you he will cut off your ears. Look at him there in the yard, sharpening his knife! Do not wait until he enters. I implore you, Sir, to run for your life.

She spoke so earnestly that a sudden fright possessed the priest's soul. He snatched up his hat and made a hasty exist. The wife then called Gombaux.

"What is it?" he asked.

"The priest has been here, has snatched away the partridges and made off with them. If you do not pursue him they are lost."

In a moment Gombaux was tearing after the priest, knife in hand. The priest, finding himself pursued, rushed on for dear life. For some time they ran thus, the one shouting out terrible menaces, the other half dead with fright, turning his head at every step. Fortunately the priest had the advantage both in time and swiftness. He gained his house, locked the door, and hid himself away in his room. Neither one nor the other, however, had any partridge that day.

ARMY ANECDOTES.—At the siege of Lille, the springing of a mine caused the grenadiers of the Fifteenth Foot to retreat. A Lieutenant who had always ill-used his men fell wounded, and though he implored them to help him off, they paid no heed to him. At length, in his agony, he convulsively seized a pair of shoes tied to a man's waistbelt. The soldier coolly took out a knife and cut the string, saying, "There—there is a new pair of shoes for you to carry to the other world." Before the battle of Blenheim a certain Major implored the men's forgiveness, promising a reformation in his treatment of them. Said one, scornfully, "March on, Sir; the enemy is before us, and we have something else to do than to think of you." When the French surrendered, and had discharged their pieces in the air, the major took off his hat to huzza, when a musketball, fired from his own ranks, either by accident or design, hit him in the forehead and killed him. On another occasion, while a regiment was being exercised in firing, the Major suddenly fell, crying that he was wounded. A man who had been severely beaten by this officer before leaving barracks immediately quitted the ranks to show that his gun had missed fire. The wound proved to be made by the top of a ramrod. But had it been made by a ball, and had the poor fellow's piece not missed fire, everybody would have condemned him. An old General thus addressed a young officer, whom he saw thrashing an old soldier, the day after he had joined the regiment: "That is well done, Sir; beat the dog, thrash him, for you know he dares not strike again." After such anecdotes, it is pleasant to read of the privates of a Scotch regiment, who clubbed together to buy their favorite Major a Colonelcy, and of an officer, much beloved of his men, to whom, during a retreat, a young recruit said: "The Spaniards are firing very thick, but they shall not hurt you if I can prevent it, for I will march directly behind you and receive the shot." This poor honest creature, who did not even know the officer, but had heard an excellent character of him from his comrades, died the next day of an epidemic sickness.

THE COBRA'S ENEMY.—A friend of mine whom I knew in India, employed on one of the railways then being constructed, aware of the risk he ran in that part of the country, especially at night, when the cobra will enter the bungalow occasionally, and sometimes crawl into the beds, had domesticated a mangouste, and by securing the little animal with several feet of string attached to a leather collar, and fastened to the foot of his bed, slept as safely and unconcernedly as if he had been in an English farm house.

On one occasion, while sitting in the cool of the evening in front of the bungalow, and attended by the mangouste coiled up, asleep at his feet, he observed a large cobra glide from the prickly-pear fence that skirted the grass-plot, a few yards only from where he was seated. The snake had advanced some little distance before it seemed aware of the presence of the mangouste, and then immediately endeavored to escape; but too late, for aroused by the rustling, or probably by the odor of the cobra, the mangouste at once rushed to the attack. With marvelous rapidity and grace the serpent threw itself into an attitude of defence; the greater part of the body resting on the ground gave firmness and precision to the rapid and incessant darts of the head, while the expression in the glittering eyes and opening mouth was one of the intensest maliguity.

The mangouste, like a wary combatant, was content for awhile to avoid, by singular dexterity and agility, every stroke of his enemy, until the favorable opening was given, when he immediately fixed on the body of the cobra underneath the hood. Whilst in this position he was bitten more than once, but, as if conscious the part he had seized was not the most vulnerable, he seemed to shift his grip until he fastened on the snake's throat directly behind the head, and there he clung. The contest was now virtually over, for although the cobra coiled itself round the body of its indomitable little enemy, and endeavored by its muscular power to disable him, the mangouste never quitted his hold until the cobra lay maimed and helpless on the grass; when, uttering a little cry, not unlike the whine of a dog that is anxious or uneasy, the mangouste ran away among the long grass and bushes, and was lost to sight.

The cobra proved to be one of moderately large size, about five feet in length; and, when ascertained to be beyond the power of inflicting harm, the fangs were taken out, and, as far as could be with safety seen, the glands wherein the venom was secreted appeared to be exhausted—an evidence of the violence and rapidity of the attacks.

In about half an hour the little mangouste trotted into the bungalow, apparently none the worse for his late combat, and probably ready for another encounter.—*Once a Week.*

SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS IN PREACHING.—Many conscientious ministers are plagued with self-consciousness while in the act of preaching. They perceive the fact, and the weakness which arises from it. It abstracts their thought, checks their moral momentum, and weakens their enthusiasm. Like a cord at the leg of a captive eagle, this self-consciousness prevents any large freedom, and pulls them back at every short flight to their own selves. All these evils are real, and they are not half told. A man who cannot get out of himself cannot get into his subject—certainly not with that inspiration which visits only disinterested hearts.

Against this besetting sin conscientious men watch and pray—too often with little effect. It rises up in the sermon. It stares out at them at every good turn. They feel it in the most tender and solemn passages. They are ashamed, mortified and discouraged, but the next discourse renews the plague.

It should be remembered that such a difficulty arises from organic causes. Its remedy must be in the nature of an education. It cannot be put away by mere volitions. There is a constitutional impetus which will require chronic treatment.

Another class of faculties must be developed in antagonism to this tendency. That kind of self-consideration which pride inspires, which removes one from the necessity of feeding on other people's opinions of us, is useful in correcting a vagrant and too fertile approbativeness. The habit of sympathy—the capacity of entering into other people's lives, of throwing one's self into their interests and feelings, draws one away from a morbid craving for favor. If the feeling itself, the yearning for approval—be directed to the Lord and Master, and one bears with him into the pulpit the consciousness of His presence, it will in time rise to a higher sphere, and lose that pernicious influence which it exerts while acting as a personal and selfish impulse. At any rate, it is a trait so mischievous, so destructive to the highest success, that every one who discovers the beginning of it in him should leave no means untried to restrain, or to rectify it.—*Rev. H. Ward Beecher in the Christian Union.*

THE SEAT OF CONSCIENCE.—At a meeting for clerical consultation, one of the ministers (a colored brother) made a decided opposition to a certain measure that received the sanction of the rest. Neither argument nor explanation seemed to have any effect in changing his opinion. "I am conscientiously opposed to it," he said: and to every additional reason for his giving way to the majority he only reiterated that conscience would not allow him to sanction the proposed measure. The presiding officer at length waxed impatient at his stubbornness. "Brother ——," said he, "how do you determine that it is your conscience which will not permit you to join us in this matter? How do you know that some other motive may not influence you?" "All I can tell you," said Brother ——, laying his hand solemnly on his breast, "is that I feel something here which says, 'I won't! I won't! I won't!'"—*Independent.*

SUPERSTITIONS OF THE PYRENEES.—Like all superstitious people, the inhabitants of the Pyrenees account, by legendary stories, for natural sights and sounds. The man in the moon was banished to his place of distant exile for Sabbath-breaking; he sinned in February; he has borne the name of that month ever since. He still bears upon his shoulder the fagot that he gathered on the sacred day. He is condemned to labor without repose, until the end of the world, when he will have expiated his transgression, and will regain his liberty and name. When the shepherd, leading home his flock, hears the shiver of leaves in the wind; when mysterious woodland sounds startle him; when the mountain echoes awake from rock to rock; he trembles, for he knows that Bassa Jaon (Basque for the wild Lord) is near. Bassa Jaon is of enormous size; he has a human countenance, and walks upright like a man; but he surpasses the stag in activity, and is covered with long smooth hair. He foresees tempests, and at such times cries aloud, for he knows that he must endure the hardest buffets of the elements. Occasionally, he forewarns the herdsman of the approaching storm, and woe to the unlucky wight who neglects or despises the caution! Despite his formidable appearance and manners, Bassa Jaon seems to be rather a good-natured personage, who does not resent liberties. Once having fallen, like the fairy, into the trap of a pair of trowsers, he allowed himself to be tricked into revealing the secret of the previously unknown art of welding iron. Some have supposed that Bassa Jaon is a legendary reminiscence of the ourang-outang of Africa, where the Basques are said formerly to have sojourned.

The most pathetic superstition of all tells its own melancholy story of the

printed the word was repeated ten times, beginning with a collection of living fish—which is undoubtedly much to be preferred as a spectacle to a collection of dead fish—and closing with a living gorilla, and a statement that "correct photographic likenesses of the giants, dwarfs, Circassians and other living curiosities may be purchased from the curiosities themselves." After this it is not surprising, perhaps, that an enthusiastic exhibitor of a unique set of dishes at a country fair was heard intoning all day long as follows: "This way, ladies and gentlemen, this way! Come and witness the greatest living curiosity in the shape of earthenware ever imported into the American continent."—*George Wakeman in the Galaxy for February.*

THE STORY OF A DIVER.

It is a strange business. The danger fascinates, some, but the peril is never lost sight of. I put on the helmet for the first time more than ten years ago, and yet I never resume it without a feeling that it may be the last time I shall ever go down. Of course, one has more confidence after a while, but there is something in being shut up in an armor weighed down with a hundred pounds, and knowing that a little leak in your life pipe is your death, that no diver can get rid of. And I do not know that I should care to banish the feeling, for the sight of the clear blue sky, the genial sun, and the face of a fellow-man after long hours among the fishes, makes you feel like one who has suddenly been drawn away from the grasp of death. I have had some narrow escapes while pursuing my strange profession; every diver has, or has been unusually lucky to escape them.

I think the most dangerous place I ever got into was going down to examine the propeller *Comet*, sunk off Toledo. In working about her bottom, I got my air-pipe coiled over a large sliver from the stoven hole, and could not reach it with my hands. Every time I sprang up to remove the hose my tender would give me the "slack" of the line, thus letting me fall back again. He did not understand his duties, and did not know what my signals on the life-line meant. It was two hours and a half before I was relieved, and there was not a moment that I was not looking to see the hose cut by the ragged wood. It's a strange feeling you have down there. You go walking over a vessel, clambering up her sides, peering here and there, and the feeling that you are alone makes you nervous and uneasy.

Sometimes a vessel sinks down so fairly that she stands up on the bottom as trim and neat as if she rode upon the surface. Then you can go down into the cabin, up the shrouds, walk all over her, just as easy as a sailor could if she were still dashing away before the breeze. Only it seems quiet, so tomb-like; there are no waves down there—only a swaying back and forth of the waters, and a see-sawing of the ship. You hear nothing from above. The great fishes will come swimming about, rubbing their noses against your glass, and staring with a wonderful look into your eyes. The very stillness sometimes gives life a chill. You hear just a moaning, wailing sound, like the last notes of an organ, and you cannot help thinking of dead men floating over and around you.

I have been down especially to rescue the bodies of those drowned. About four years ago the propeller *Buckeye*, belonging to the Northern Transportation Company, went down in the river St. Lawrence, in seventy-eight feet of water, and it was known that a mother and child were asleep in their stateroom at the time of her sinking. The father begged of me, and offered me a great deal of money to take out the corpses, and though I dreaded the work, I at last consented. I had been all over the wreck two or three times, and knew just where the stateroom was. The door was fast locked, and I waited a good while before bursting it open.

Of course, a dead person couldn't harm you; but even in broad day, on shore, and with people around you, don't you know that the sight and presence of a dead person brings up solemn thoughts and nervous feelings? I knew how they would look, how they were floating around in the room, and if the father hadn't been looking so wretched above, there was no money to tempt me in there. But at last I got a crowbar from forwards, and, not letting myself think, gave the light door a blow that stove it in. The water came rushing out, the vessel just then lurched over towards my side, and out they came, the woman first, her eyes wide open and hair trailing behind, and in her left hand she held the hand of the child. I knew how they would look, but I screamed out, and jumped back. Her face was fearfully distorted, showing how hard death had been made, and the eyes looked through the green waters at me in a way that made my flesh creep. The child had died easily, its little white face giving out no sign of terror.

It was a good while before I fastened the line to them and gave the signal to haul up, and I felt so uneasy that I was not long in following. This is one of the drawbacks to any feeling of curiosity a diver might otherwise have. I never go down the hatchway or the cabin steps without thinking of a dead man floating about there. When the *Lac La Belle* sunk on St. Clair flats, the engineer was caught in the rushing waters, and no trace was ever found of his body. His wife came to me, hearing that I was to go down the wreck, and asked me to find the body if possible. I remembered this when I went down, and went groping through the engine room in momentary expectation of encountering the dead body. I looked so long without finding it that I got nervous, and had started for the ladder to go up, when I felt something strike my helmet and give way, and a chill went dancing over me as I thought the dead body was at hand. But on reaching, I found that I had run against the fire hose, the end of which was hanging down, and that what I so dreaded was still hidden beyond my sight.

A diver does not like to go down more than a hundred and twenty feet; at that depth the pressure is painful, and there is danger of internal injury. I can stay down for five or six hours at a time at a hundred and fifteen or twenty feet, and do a good deal of hard work. In the waters of Lake Huron the diver can see thirty or forty feet away, but the other lakes will screen a vessel not ten feet from you.

Up here, you seldom think of accident or death, but a hundred feet of water washing o er your head would set you thinking. A little stoppage of the air pump, a leak in your hose, a careless action on the part of your tender, and a weight of a mountain would press the life out of you before you could make a move. And you may "foul" your pipe or line yourself, and in your haste bring on what you dread. I often get my hose around a stair or rail, and generally release it without much trouble; the bare idea of what a slender thing holds back the clutch of death off my throat makes a cold sweat start from every pore.—*English Magazine.*

THE FLIGHT OF BIRDS.—At a recent meeting of the Naturalists' Society of Norwich, (England) Mr. SOUTHWELL read an interesting paper on the flight of birds. He said: "The most striking thing about the skeleton of a bird is its great lightness combined with strength. By a beautiful arrangement, the greatest power is given to the wings. The front part of the wing, that first presented to the air in forward flight, is stiff and unyielding, well adapted for cutting its way through the air; the other feathers become weaker and more pliable as they are placed nearer to the body of the bird. The feathers, which are divided into two portions by a nearly central shaft, overlap each other, the anterior web, which is the strongest and stiffest, being uppermost. When the down stroke is delivered, the wing presents to the air an impenetrable and unyielding surface, but when the corresponding up stroke is made, the yielding posterior web of each feather becomes depressed by the resistance of the air above, thus separating the feathers so as to allow of the free passage of the air; by this means giving the maximum amount of force to the down stroke, which would otherwise be neutralized by the resistance of the up stroke. But this is not all; the under surface of the wing is more or less concave, while the upper surface is convex. It is obvious, therefore, that when the up stroke is made, the air will rush off and through the wing in all directions, but when the motion of the wing is reversed, the air will be gathered up in its hollow, and the resistance immensely increased. By a wonderful contrivance, the same stroke which elevates the bird gives it a forward motion also. Those birds with very long and pointed wings possess the greatest powers of flight; as, for instance, the sharp-winged martin for speed, and the long-winged albatross for both speed and endurance. The power of turning in flight appears to be the result of an involuntary effort, as we turn to or incline to the left or right in walking. It is a matter of considerable difficulty to obtain reliable data as to the actual velocity with which birds travel through the air. The flight of a hawk, when its powers are fully exerted, has been calculated at 150 miles an hour; the usual flight of the eider duck at the rate of 90 miles an hour. AUDUBON estimates the flight of the American passenger pigeon, at a mile a minute, and the carrier pigeon to possess, probably, an average of fifty or sixty miles in a long flight, although over short distances, as when pursued by a hawk, its speed is much greater. The flight of rooks going home to bed with full stomachs, and taking it easy, Major HOLLAND estimates at about twenty-six to thirty miles an hour; the speed of the albatross, whilst coursing in company with a ship, he reckons at about ninety miles an hour. The flight of other birds, such as the swallow, the eagle, and the peregrine falcon, has been estimated as of much greater speed. The power of passing with ease and rapidity over long distances is of vast importance to birds living in communities. Rooks, for instance, would soon exhaust the supply of food in their own neighborhood.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.—But neither conversation nor calm debate is possible in the Representatives' Chamber. It is large enough for a mass meeting. The members are spread over a wide expanse of floor, each seated at a desk covered and filled with documents and papers, and they see themselves surrounded by vast galleries rising, row above row, to the ceiling. When a man begins to speak, though he may be the least oratorical of mortals, he is soon forced into an oratorical condition of mind by the physical difficulty of making himself heard. Compelled to exert his lungs violently, he endeavors to assist and relieve the muscles of his chest and throat by gesticulation, and this brings the color to his cheeks and contributes to work up the whole man into the oratorical frenzy that puts a stop to all useful, elucidating operation of the brain. * * * * Never would the House of Commons have formed a FOX, a SHERIDAN, a CANNING, a PEEL, a PALMERSTON, or a GLADSTONE, if those masters of parliamentary conversation had been obliged to speak in such an apartment as our present Representatives' Hall. I have been in the House of Commons when important debates occurred, and every leading speaker on both sides did his best, but no man put forth any great physical exertion. Sir ROBERT PEEL rarely, PALMERSTON never, departed from the easy manner and unforced tone of conversation. A great debate was only the more or less animated talk of able, experienced, well-informed gentlemen; and it retained this tone chiefly because the auditors were so close around the speakers that conversation could be heard. No desks obstructed and filled up the floor, tempting members to write. No heaps of pamphlets and newspapers rose before them, luring them to read. All reading and writing had been done before the House met, and nothing remained but to talk it over. Ministerial and opposition members sat on long benches, facing one another, with a mere alley between them; and the strangers' gallery was a cockloft up near the ceiling, which would hold, when crammed, a hundred and twenty people.—*James Parton, in the Atlantic Monthly for February.*

HOW THEY ENCOURAGE INVENTORS IN ENGLAND.—"No, no; I haven't the heart left to go through it all again, even in words. One would think an inventor was the enemy of the human race. Yes, I will tell you; the sight of you has revived me a bit; it always does. Well, then, you know I am driven to invention now; it is my only chance; and, ever since Mr. CARDEN spoke to me, I have given my whole soul to the best way of saw-grinding by machinery. The circular saws beat me, for a while, but I mastered them; see, there's the model. I'm going to burn it this very afternoon. Well, a month ago, I took the other model, the long-saw-grinder, up to London, to patent the invention, as you advised me. I thought I'd just have to exhibit the model, and lod ge the description in some Government office, and pay a fee, of course, to some swell, and so be quit of it. Lord bless you, first I had to lay the specification before the Court of Chancery, and write a petition to the Queen, and pay, and, what is worse, wait. When I had paid, and waited, I got my petition signed, not by the Queen, but by some go-between, and then I must take it to the Attorney General. He made me pay—and wait. When I had waited ever so long, I was sent back to where I had come from—the Home Office. But even then I could not get to the Queen. Another of her go-betweens nailed me, and made me pay, and wait: these locusts steal your time as well as your money. At last, a copy of a copy of a copy of my patent got to the Queen, and she signed it like a lady at once, and I got it back. Then I thought I was all right. Not a bit of it: the Queen's signature wasn't good till another of her go-betweens had signed it. I think it was the Home Secretary this time. This go-between bled me again, and sent me, with my hard-earned signatures, to the Patent Office. There they drafted and copied, and docketed, and robbed me of more time and money. And, when all was done, I had to take the document back to one of the old go-betweens that I hoped I had worn out, the Attorney-General. He signed, and bled me out of some more money. From him to the other go-betweens at Whitehall. From them to the Stamp Office, if I remember right, and, oh Lord, didn't I fall among leeches these! They drafted, they copied, they engrossed, they juggled me out of time and money without end. The first leech was called the Lord Keeper of the Seal; the second leech was called the Lord Chancellor; it was some go-between that acted in his name: the third leech was the Clerk of the Patents. They demanded more copies, and then employed more go-betweens to charge ten times the value of a copy, and nailed the balance, no doubt. 'Stand and deliver thirty pounds for this stamp.' 'Stand and deliver to me that call myself the Chancellor's purse bearer—and there's no such creature—two guineas.' 'Stand and deliver seven, thirteen, to the clerk of the Hanaper'—and there's no such thing as a Hanaper. 'Stand and deliver three, five,' to a go-between that calls himself the Lord Chancellor again, and isn't. 'Stand and deliver six, nought, to a go-between that acts for the deputy, that ought to put a bit of sealing wax on the patent, but hasn't the brains to do it himself, so you must pay me a fancy price for doing it, and then I won't do it; it will be done by a clerk at 25s. a week.' And, all this time, mind you, no disposition to soften all this official peculation by civility; no misgiving that the next wave of civilization may sweep all these go-betweens and leeches out of the path of progress; no, the deputy-vice-go-betweens all scowled, as well as swindled: they broke my heart so, often I sat down in their ante-chambers, and the scalding tears ran down my cheeks, at being pillaged of my time, as well as my money, and treated like a criminal—for what? For being, in my small way, a national benefactor."—*From Put Yourself in His Place, by Charles Reade.*

TRYING THE GUILLOTINE.—A few days ago M. MAXIME DU CAMP, a well-known member of the Press fraternity in Paris, wrote to M. DE PARIS, the chief executioner, requesting that the guillotine might be fitted up in the usual place for a rehearsal for his private benefit. This was done, and after the ordinary performance of guillotining a straw figure, M. DU CAMP, wishing to crown the experiment, gave himself up, as if he were a criminal, to the executioners. After going through a sham toilet these functionaries bound him hand and foot. The experimentalist, with his eyes firmly fixed on the knife, mounted the steps with unparalleled coolness. Then he was laid on the plank, bound, and the curiosity of M. DU CAMP was satisfied. Many persons (says the *Figaro*) would in his place have lost their heads. Not so with our *confrère*, for we have seen him the same evening strolling on the boulevard with his upon his shoulders. He even had the courage to calculate that from the time when he set foot on the first step of the ladder to the time when the assistants went through the form of throwing his head and body into the basket filled with sawdust, eighteen seconds elapsed—a short time, indeed, yet it might appear long enough to those seriously interested.—*Foreign Paper.*

THE LATE "MORNING HERALD."—The London *Morning Herald*, which ceased publication with the last day of 1869, was once the pride of journalistic literature. It was started in November, 1780, by that clever, scampish parson and author, Rev. HENRY BATE, who had seceded from the *Post*. BATE supported the Prince of Wales, and the Prince made him a baronet, Sir HENRY BATE DUDLEY, as he was then called. Among the men of note who were connected with the *Herald* were WILLIAM RADCLIFFE, husband of Mrs. RADCLIFFE, the novelist; ALEXANDER CHALMERS, the biographer; Captain MACDONALD, ALARIC WATTS, Dr. GIFFARD, and DOUGLAS JERROLD. The *Herald* suffered in common with its contemporaries from the Press laws, which made it dangerous even to expose a rascal. In 1785 appeared a rival in the *Daily Universal Register*, which, in 1788, assumed the name of the *Times*. For a long time this last paper was the lowest in circulation. At the beginning of this century it sold about 1,000 copies daily, while the *Herald* sold four times that number, the *Post* and *Chronicle* still more. The races between *Times* and *Herald* for priority in bringing the Indian mail news once caused great public excitement, and wasted what would now be considered handsome fortunes to little purpose.—*Athenæum.*

THE FINE ARTS.

The Thompson Collection of Oil Paintings.

Some two thousand oil paintings, collected by Mr. THOMAS THOMPSON, of Boston, deceased, are to be sold on Monday, Feb. 7, at the Leeds Art Gallery, No. 817 Broadway.

A few words about the late owner of these pictures will not be uninteresting. It appears that Mr. THOMPSON came of good old Quaker stock. His father was possessed of considerable wealth, and the son was sent to Harvard, where he graduated with such men as GEORGE B. EMERSON, CALEB CUSHING and GEORGE BANCROFT. On succeeding to his father's wealth he devoted his time to visiting art galleries and artists' studios, and within a few years he had become the possessor of a collection of paintings and statuary for which he had expended over $90,000, and which were valued at $150,000. They were placed in the Tremont Temple, in Boston, and in 1852 were totally destroyed by fire. This great loss, for Mr. THOMPSON was not protected by insurance, caused him deep sorrow, but did not prevent his commencing another collection, the present one, which was begun some time in 1852. Mr. THOMPSON was of most sensitive nature, and what would be generally termed eccentric habits. He would not permit his collection of art treasures to be seen. So sensitive was he on this point, that when his pictures had to be removed from one storehouse to another, he gave the most minute directions in writing as to how the work might be accomplished without any one obtaining a glance at his beloved paintings. Yet Mr. THOMPSON was no misor nor misanthrope, in the ordinary sense of the words. Many a young and struggling artist has cause to remember the generosity of THOMAS THOMPSON. Indeed, few whose works possessed the least merit ever applied to him in vain. There is but little doubt that Mr. THOMPSON intended to bequeath his pictures to the nation, but death stole on him ere he had completed his arrangements.

The collection, as we have said, comprises nearly 2,000 pictures. Though they have been packed away so long, they are all in a good state of preservation. They comprise originals by Schidone, Guercino, Caravaggio, Ludovico, Annibel and Caracci, one at least by Rubens, an early painting of J. M. Turner's, a portrait of Albert Cuyp, and several by Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir Godfrey Kneller, Sir Peter Lely, Sir Hy. Raeburn, Geo. Morland, Thos. Gainsborough, Angelica Kauffman, Boucher, J. S. Copley, Sir Thomas Lawrence, Grange, Eastlake, Ansdell, and Allan Ramsay. As to the genuineness of these pictures, there is, we believe, no doubt whatever, as their possession can be traced from one purchaser to another until they came into Mr. THOMPSON's hands. Among the productions of artists of lesser note we find such names as Boucher, Piron, Stella, P. Delaroche, Franchesini, (pupil of Guido,) Zauffaly, Sir George Beamont, Barry, Xavery, Holbein the younger, William Hamilton, R. A. Etty, Lanfranco, Paul Potter, Romney, Dubuffe, Lambinet, Paninni, Huysman, Sechers, Van Rhyn, Jacob Jordaens, and Brouwer.

Our native artists are represented by Sir Benjamin West, Bierstadt, Shattuck, M. Wight, Rembrandt Peale, Washington Allston, Hy. Inman, Rondel, Durand, Hicks, Geo. Brown, J. N. Jarvis, Foster, J. H. Cafferty, Hunt, A. F. Bellows and Cropsey.

The picture which will probably attract the most attention in this collection is that by BARTOLEMO SCHIDONE, entitled "Charity." It is a fine composition and richly colored. It was purchased from the Pallaricini collection by Sir D. MACKWORTH, and from this gentleman by Mr. THOMPSON. The picture by TURNER, the greatest of landscape painters, represents a view on the Rhine. It was presented by the artist to Mr. BARLOW, who disposed of it to Mr. THOMPSON. The Rubens is entitled the "Discovery of Calista." It bears the signature of the great artist, and has all the characteristics of his composition and style. Of the history of the painting, however, we are not informed.

Among the curiosities—if they may be so called—of the collection, are a "Poker Sketch," by HUGHES BALL, the "Golden Ball," as he was called by his associates. The sketch is made on panel with a hot poker, and represents a scene from Kenilworth. It is a vigorous and singular production.

It would be tedious to speak of each picture in detail, and we must, therefore, merely say, in concluding our notice of this unique collection, that, although it contains some pictures of no great merit, there will yet be found in it works of sterling genius which never can be replaced. Mr. THOMPSON was no blind devotee, but a collector of taste and culture, and if he occasionally purchased a poor picture, his heart and not his head was at fault.

On Monday the collection will be opened to public view.

A Young Man with a Bullet in his Head.

From the Springfield (Ohio) Advertiser, Jan. 19.

On New Year's night a party of young men, four in number, came to this city from Catawba, to see the sights of Springfield generally and the attractions of the Opera House in particular. After the entertainment at the latter place was over, the young men, whose names are ENOS LEMON, ALONZO SKILLMAN, and two brothers by the name of EVERHARDT, started home in a spring wagon. When they had gone a few miles on their way, two of the boys took out their revolvers and commenced firing salutes to the New Year. When they grew tired of this sport they put up their firearms, none of them observing any unusual occurrence. In a short time ENOS LEMON, who had been driving, remarked to the one who was seated beside him, that he should take the lines and drive, as he believed he was going blind and could not see the road. His companions inquired if he was hurt; he said no, but felt sick. When they arrived at Harmony the proposition was made to LEMON to stop for the night, but to this he would not agree, so they drove on until they came to the residence of one of the party, where they remained until the next day. Before retiring, they examined LEMON, and found a bullet hole in the rim of his hat, and upon further search found that the bullet which had pierced his hat had also entered his head, although he (LEMON) declared he was not aware of it, and suffered no inconvenience from it. In the morning, however, he did not get up, saying that he did not feel well enough. Towards evening he arose and went home, and upon stating the facts to his parents, medical aid was summoned. Dr. HUNTER, of Catawba, and Dr. E. OWENS, of this city, examined the wound, and came to the conclusion that the ball which had entered his head had lodged under the frontal bone, the young man at times complaining of a dull pain in his right temple. He has not been prostrated a day by the wound, goes about as if nothing had happened, although some of the attending physicians declare that the ball must have passed through the skull. A number of theories have been given about the case, but none of them satisfactory. The young man remains alive and well, and the wonder of the citizens does not abate in consequence.

Large Negro Departure from Virginia.

From the Lynchburg Republican, Jan. 21.

Such a crowd of negroes, big and little, men and women, including a number of infants, filled the Tennessee depot yesterday afternoon, and thronged all the approaches to it, that access to the train was only to be accomplished by energetic efforts and elbowings. A freight train on the Southside Road brought up yesterday 164 negroes from the southside counties, mainly from Halifax, and the adjacent Counties of Persons and Granville, North Carolina. These were joined here by forty negroes from the city, including, we are informed, about thirty hands lately employed in the tobacco factories; and they all left yesterday for Louisiana and Alabama, where they have been employed to labor on the sugar and cotton plantations.

Heretofore, the emigration has consisted mainly of able-bodied men, the bone and sinew of the laboring element. The party which left yesterday comprised, as already stated, a large number of feeble and useless folk—from which we infer, with satisfaction, that the best class of laborers is now difficult to be induced to leave Virginia, and that the exodus is virtually ended.

IS THERE HOPE FOR THE FALLEN?

The Reclamation of the Drunkard Possible.

Facts in Illustration—The Plan Pursued in the Kings County Inebriates' Home.

The assertion was made recently by a prominent medical gentleman, connected with one of the principal Asylums for Inebriates in this State, that drunkenness could not be cured—or in other words that when a person had sunk so far in the vice of drinking as to be compelled to resort to an asylum for relief, there was little if any hope for permanent reclamation. This declaration was so opposite to statements which had been made by other gentlemen, perhaps equally as well able to judge of the matter, that it promised to give rise to a discussion which might possibly be of the greatest interest to the medical profession, and of still greatest importance to the unfortunate victims of inordinate indulgence in intoxicating liquors.

Upon inquiry, however, it was found that the medical authority who was credited with the assertion that drunkenness was incurable had denied that he took such a bold stand, and qualified it by stating, which every one knew, that when the drunkard had passed a certain stage the hope for reformation was very slight indeed.

With a view to obtain the opinions of gentlemen who had made the reformation of the drunkard a study, and who were in a position to be well informed upon the subject, our reporter visited

THE KINGS COUNTY INEBRIATE'S HOME,

which is located at the village of Fort Hamilton, and though comparatively a new institution, has been very prosperous, and the treatment adopted here has been very successful. The Home is under the superintendence of Rev. JOHN WILLETS, who has had considerable experience in eleemosynary institutions in England, and seems well fitted, though not professing to be a physician, to treat the class of persons who come under his charge. The building is not well arranged for the purposes to which it is applied. It was formerly a private mansion, and there are no accommodations for the forcible detention of inmates. It is located on the bluff commanding a fine view of the bay and surrounding country, and is in every respect a pleasant situation, even in the Winter season. In Summer the view must be highly attractive, and conduce greatly to the benefit of the inmates of the institution. It is proposed, as soon as the funds appropriated for the purpose can be obtained from the authorities, to erect a suitable building on ground which has been purchased for the purpose, and then, it is hoped, accommodations will be provided for almost any number of patients who desire to avail themselves of the benefits of the Home.

THE PLAN

on which this institution is conducted is calculated to effect the object at the least possible expense. The funds for the support of the Home are obtained from the Excise fund of the Metropolitan District. With this money poor patients are supported while in the institution, and in turn their minds are employed by work in the field—farm labor—and any other work that may be necessary to be done. Those who are able to pay board are accommodated in the main building, while those who are not are provided with apartments in an addition which has been erected on the grounds.

The patients are required to conform to the rules of the institution, and any serious infraction is punished with dismissal. They cannot leave the grounds without permission, and then are accompanied by an attendant, who guards against the patient procuring liquor or any other forbidden article. Patients who are so far under the influence of intoxicating drinks as to be violent are not admitted—unless under peculiar circumstances—as there are no means of restraining them. The free patients are selected from the prison cases.

REVOLVERS.

Periodical visits are paid to the jail and penitentiary, and inquiry is made among the inmates who have been committed for intoxication for those who are desirous of reforming. These—women as well as men—are taken to the Home on the expiration of the term of imprisonment, and an effort is made to reclaim them. They are kindly treated, made to feel that they are men and women, and when it is manifest that they have foresworn their evil practices employment is obtained for them in the City or vicinity, or they are aided with means to migrate to other sections where their past habits will not be likely to be brought up against them. In this way many of these poor creatures are reclaimed who would otherwise be again and again brought before the Magistrates for committal to prison, until finally they would "revolve" into the drunkard's grave.

It is asserted by the Superintendent that more than one-third of the patients of this class have been reclaimed, but whether they have permanently reformed time alone will tell. A large number have obtained employment in the West, and excellent accounts continue to be received from them. Occasionally backsliders will be found in the prisons, but the instances are comparatively few where those who have been inmates of the Home have returned to their evil courses.

A DISGRACEFUL FACT.

In some cases men and women—especially the latter—who have reformed, have been goaded on to drink by policemen, who, recognizing them as old offenders, have arrested them on charges of vagrancy and thrust them back upon the "road to ruin." Happily such cases are rare, but that they do exist at all is disgraceful.

YOUNG OFFENDERS.

The attention of the officers of the Home is principally directed to young offenders, whose faculties have not became impaired to any serious extent by indulgence. These, with kind treatment, and judiciously administered advice, have reformed, and bid fair to become useful members of society.

THE MORTALITY.

There has been but one death in the institution since its organization, and that was a man who was in the last stages of *mania a potu* when brought to the Home. He had been under the care of his physician for six weeks, and all remedies failing, he was sent to the Home to die. He was so violent that the officer who brought him was obliged to handcuff and otherwise bind him to prevent his doing injury to himself or others. The gyves were immediately removed by order of the Superintendent, and the patient became quiet, but the alcoholic poison had done its work too effectually, and the poor man's system sank under the dreadful blow.

CLASSIFICATION.

Drunkards may be classed in various divisions. The shock to the system inflicted by alcoholic drinks is first made manifest in the front of the brain, where are seated the intellectual faculties. These become impaired and finally entirely destroyed, when the patient sinks into a semi-idiotic state, in which the baser and sensual passions predominate. After the first shock to the brain the patient gradually loses his control over the will. He may have a desire to reform his evil habits, but has no control over his appetite, and requires the moral restraints of such an institution as this until his brain becomes recuperated. Then—provided the power nor the will is not entirely destroyed—he may be trusted to work out his reformation unaided, and in the great majority of cases succeeds.

When the intellectual faculties are entirely destroyed by indulgence, and the patient has sunk into a mere brute, probabilities of a radical cure are very few. Then there is little hope of a reformation, and the patient must sink lower and still lower, until death marks him for his victim.

A third class, who are deemed amongst the incurables, are those who were born of drunken parents; whose taste for liquor has been imbibed in infancy, and who are, as it is called, "marked" with a love for intoxicating drink. These are semi-idiotic from childhood, and consequently considered irreclaimable.

TREATMENT.

Except in severe cases no alcoholic stimulants are administered to patients at the Home. The various preparations of iron and quinine are used, and nutritious food is administered to the patient with a view of aiding nature in her work of restoration. This accomplished, appeals are made to him to adhere to a resolution not to tamper with the dangerous beverage. In many cases the patient takes the advice of the Superintendent, and seeks the aid of religion to assist him in his work of reformation. The religious teachers at the institution are both Protestant and Catholic, and the Superintendent states that both have been equally successful in the good work.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

In the forthcoming annual report of the Home, the attention of the public will be called to the fact that the criminal statistics set forth in the reports of the Superintendent of Police are incorrect in this particular: They declare that a certain number of persons were arrested for the crime of intoxication, for instance, when careful inquiry would show that the great majority of these persons had been arrested a number of times, and thus swelled the aggregate to a formidable amount. By these figures it is made to appear that the crimes of intoxication and vagrancy are increasing to an alarming extent, when it is not taken into the calculation that the persons committing these offences fall into the hands of the law many times in a month or week, and "revolve" between the cell and the bar.

INTERESTING ILLUSTRATIONS.

The Superintendent, in answer to an inquiry, related many cases where patients who had been inmates of the Home had permanently reformed, and others where the reformation might be considered doubtful, but still hopes were entertained that the reclamation might be thorough. He stated the case of a printer who was an inmate of the Home some months ago. He was almost crazy from drink when brought to the institution, and had sustained a fracture of the skull in a fall, of such a serious nature that fears were entertained for his recovery. He was blessed with a good constitution, however, and convalesced much more rapidly than was expected. He finally recovered and left the Home. A few days ago he returned, and desired to exhibit his gratitude by "setting up" the annual report of the Home, a printing office being attached to the institution. This man has not tasted liquor since his discharge, and solemnly declares that he never will.

Three gentlemen, now residing in New-York, were, some months ago, inmates of the Home as paying boarders. They had been at various times in the Penitentiary at Blackwell's Island, and been considered by their friends irreclaimable. They remained at the Home for some weeks, and finally left cured. They now reside together and adhere to the pledges made to each other not to indulge again in intoxicating drinks. All three of the gentlemen are occupying responsible positions in mercantile houses in this City.

A case of an irreclaimable was stated by the Superintendent. It is that of a designer who is considered one of the most skillful artists in the country. When he is himself, he can readily earn from $100 to $125 per week in illustrating novels and other works. He has been at the institution, as a pay patient, several times, and returned a few days ago to avail himself of the restraints of the Home. His work is sent to him while there, and he is content to remain, fearing to trust himself away from the Home.

While passing through the institution our reporter observed many patients who bore the impress of having become irreclaimable—men who had fallen so far under the influence of the potent poison as to be mere wrecks of humanity. These patients dare not trust themselves away from the Home, and not a few of them will sink prematurely into their graves.

The 173 patients treated at this institution during the past year were nearly all of the prison class, and strong hopes are entertained that a permanent reformation has been effected with the majority.

CONCLUSION.

From all the facts that could be obtained at this institution, it would appear that the reformation of drunkards was not only possible but highly probable, and the records of the Home bear out this assertion, that when the patient has not fallen to the deepest depths of degradation, he may be reclaimed under proper treatment, and be made a useful member of society.

Alex. H. Stephens' Views of Life—This World's Lack of Real Attractions to Him.

*From the Augusta (Ga.) Constitutionalist, Jan.*20.

A few days ago we spent a day with Mr. STEPHENS. He is a close prisoner in his room, and, although the brain power still shines royally and with unabated force, his physical energies are very much prostrated. It will be a pleasure for our readers to know that his second and concluding volume on the *War Between the States* is very near completion. He read us samples from it, and, from them, we should judge that this second volume will prove much more entertaining to the general reader than the first, which necessarily contained a large amount of detail. Mr. STEPHENS' summing up of the characters of LINCOLN, STANTON and ANDREW JOHNSON is worthy of TACITUS.

The mail of last night brought us the Macon *Telegraph & Messenger*, from which we extract the following pathetic and noble letter. It will be read with emotion everywhere, and the hearts of true Georgians will fervently pray that God's best blessing shall descend upon the head of the good, great man at Crawfordville. Mr. STEPHENS writes:

"I am a little better than I have been; I am able to sit up, read and write a little; but I cannot walk, or even stand, without assistance. Please accept my thanks for the interest you manifest in my well-being, both physical and spiritual. Be assured I am perfectly resigned to the will of God in all my afflictions. I endeavor, with the patience of Job, to bear whatever awaits me under His dispensations, and with a full faith in His mercy, through the atoning mediation of the Redeemer; and also further, with a firm belief that 'all things work together for the good of those who love God' and put their trust in Him.

A leading object with me for years—indeed from early youth—has been so to live, so to conduct myself in all things, so to discharge, by the assistance of Divine Grace, all the duties of this probationary term as to be ready to leave this sphere of existence for another, a brighter and a better one, whenever the summons for my departure may come. This world, however much I may have been engaged in its active scenes during my day, has never had any real attractions for me. I have, it is true, taken a deep interest in them, but at all times more from a sense of duty than from any other consideration.

I now feel a deep interest in what is going on in our State, and in reply to your inquiry on this subject, all I can say is, that if I utter no word to the public, and take no part, even feeble as I am, it is only because I do not see that anything I could say or do could possibly effect any good. God, in His infinite mercy, only knows what is to become of this country and its institutions.

I can say no more now, except to repeat my thanks for your letter, and return to you my best wishes, now and forever.

Yours, truly, ALEX. H. STEPHENS.

Bequest to the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin, Jan. 21.

The will of Mrs. NANCY CLARKE BACHE, widow of the late ALEX. DALLAS BACHE, was admitted to probate this afternoon. She bequeaths $5,000 to her nephew, HENRY WOOD BACHE, and in the event of his death unmarried, requests him to bequeath the amount to the National Academy of Sciences at Washington. She also directs that her house, No. 1,624 Chestnut-street, shall be sold and the net proceeds given to the National Academy of Sciences, to be held in trust, and the income to be applied to the prosecution of researches in physical and natural sciences, according to the direction of her husband. By a codicil the last bequest is somewhat modified. The executor is to sell the house, and pay $600 of the proceeds to HENRY WOOD BACHE for his own use, and then to invest $5,000 in good securities, to be held in trust, and the income to be paid to HENRY WOOD BACHE during his life. After his death the principal amount is to go to the Academy of Natural Sciences, for the purposes directed in the will.

The Funds of the Bank of Louisiana—General Beauregard's Action.

NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, Jan. 17, 1870.

To the Editors of the New-Orleans Picayune:

GENTLEMEN: I notice in your issue of this afternoon the following statement in a communication from R. M. DAVIS, late President of the Bank of Louisiana, of this city:

"General BEAUREGARD seized the specie *vi et armis* in the Bank of Columbus, in Columbus, Ga., where I had deposited it, and carried it to Augusta, Ga., transferring it to the Confederate agent there."

I think Mr. DAVIS might have done me the justice to state at the same time, that this seizure was made in obedience to positive orders from the Confederate Government, which were communicated at the time, in writing, to those in charge of the money, by the staff officer who made the seizure. What became of that money after it was transferred to the Confederate agent at Augusta, Ga., who furnished the necessary receipts for the same, is beyond my knowledge or information. I remain yours, very truly,

G. T. BEAUREGARD.

CURRENT NOTES.

Cincinnati made 30,509,680 cigars last year.

Baltimore asks for the erection of a city morgue.

Some of the Boston papers, which at first ridiculed the idea that its Police force wants overhauling, are reluctantly admitting the fact.

Prince ARTHUR is expected to return to Montreal about the 10th of February, and thence to go to Ottawa, to be present at the opening of the session of Parliament.

RAPHAEL SEMMES has tried fighting, editing and lecturing and failed in all. His strong point lay in burning defenceless merchant vessels and running away.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia has extended fraternal recognition to the recently-formed Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec.

There are now living in Baltimore County, Md., five brothers, the youngest of whom is 73 and the oldest 87, who served in the same company in the war of 1812, and have never received a pension.

The Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Texas has issued an address to the party, congratulating them upon the result of the election, which has placed the State in harmony with the National Government.

Governor MERRILL, of Iowa, has appointed Hon. ELIAS H. WILLIAMS, of Clayton County, Supreme Judge of that State. He is a native of Connecticut, a graduate of Yale, and has served for eight years as District Judge.

A drunken Spanish sailor, who was put into a cell with a negro in Charleston, S. C., a few nights ago, was so enraged that he made at him tooth and nail, and gnawed several huge pieces out of his face and neck before the unhappy negro could be torn from his clutches.

Canton wants to be the capital of Mississippi, but the Jackson papers contemptuously inquire if it would'nt be cheaper for the State to move Canton to Jackson. What a grand opportunity Washington has lost in not first suggesting that brilliant idea to St. Louis.

Western Governors and people are wondering why Governor HOFFMAN has deemed it necessary to notify them all that New-York has "repealed" its ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment. They never learned from him that the State had ratified it.

ALEXANDER D. KELLY, an old citizen of New-Orleans, who refused during the war to accept a high position in the Confederate Treasury Department, died on the 17th inst. He was an enterprising merchant, formerly very wealthy, but his fortune was swept away during the rebellion, which had his sympathies.

Boston, having shown no social courtesies to the officers of the *Miantonomoh* and *Terror*, although nearly 800 of her citizens were hospitably entertained on board those vessels, recommends those officers to the people of Portland, Me., as gentlemen who reflect credit upon the American Navy.

Progress in New-Orleans! The city papers say that on Monday night last darkness brooded over the gambling houses on St. Charles-street; the transparencies were invisible, and the musical rattle of the balls, and the voice of the keno-keeper were silent. The law had been created to crush them, and the gamblers fled from the public places in which they had flaunted their disreputable calling.

The Hornellsville (Steuben County) *Tribune* says that some of the farmers in that vicinity who gave their notes of $100 to the "Horse Rake Swindlers" nearly two years ago, have had the same returned to them without cost, the noteholders not deeming it prudent to prosecute their claim further since the late decision in regard to "patent right notes" at the General Term held at Rochester.

Ohio papers report that Miss SARAH J. LYNDE, a young lady residing in Cicero, Hamilton County, in that State, went to the house of Mr. ROBERT JORDAN, about two hours before daylight, on the morning of the 14th inst., and knocked for admission. Mr. JORDAN, believing that burglars were attempting to enter, asked who was there, and hearing no reply, opened the door and discharged his gun, the ball from which took effect in the body of the girl, causing almost

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The trial of ROCHEFORT was concluded yesterday and resulted in his conviction. He was sentenced to an imprisonment of six months, a fine of 3,000 francs and a deprivation of his political rights, although he still remains a Deputy.

About 3,500 troops have arrived at Le Creuzot, for the purpose of preventing disorder arising among the workmen engaged in the strike.

In the Ecumenical Council the Archbishop of Paris, on Wednesday, delivered a discourse which is said to have been "full of moderation and wisdom," and for which he was congratulated by many of the fathers. A petition against the excesses of laymen has been numerously signed by the clergy present.

The exposition of Roman arts is to be opened on the 15th of next month, and articles will be received until the 2d.

Advices received in London from BAKER'S Expedition up to Jan. 1, are to the effect that the party had arrived at the head waters of the Nile, and were all in good health.

The London *Times* of yesterday, in discussing the French Commercial Treaty, demonstrates from it the necessity of absolute free trade.

Hon. JOHN ROSE, late Minister of Finance of the Dominion, but now of London, has been knighted by the Queen.

CONGRESS.

The Senate was not in session yesterday. In the House the day was devoted to a general discussion on the State of the Union in Committee of the Whole. About fifty members were present. Mr. STOKES opened the debate with a speech on Tennessee politics and the standing of Governor SENTER. He was followed by Mr. MOORE, of Illinois, in favor of the removal of the capital westward. Mr. KERR spoke at length, arraigning the Republican Party for a maladministration of public affairs, Mr. LOGAN addressed the Committee on the capital removal, and Mr. BECK made a speech strongly advocating economy in public expenditures and a reduction of the tax on the producing interest of the country. The latter discussed at length the currency and financial questions, and attacked the national banking system, terming it a "swindle." Mr. WASHBURN, of Wisconsin, followed in reply to Messrs. MOORE and LOGAN, speaking against the removal of the capital. At 4:30 P. M. the Committee rose and the House adjourned till Monday.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Assembly yesterday but little business was transacted. A resolution was adopted instructing the Canal Commissioners to investigate the affairs of the Hudson River Bridge Company and ascertain whether more than ten per cent. on the capital stock had been received. Also, a resolution requiring the Metropolitan Police Commissioners to report the amount of fines collected from patrolmen in New-York, and what was done with them. A preamble and resolutions were offered by Mr. LITTLEJOHN, requesting the Senators and Congressmen of this State to use their influence to reduce the pay of Congressmen from $5,000 to $3,000; also, to reduce the mileage allowance and to abolish the franking system. The bill authorizing the construction of the new gas works in this City, to supply gas above Seventy-ninth-street, passed to a third reading, the clause making the right exclusive being stricken out. The bill giving increased compensation to clerks in the State Department was put upon its final passage and lost; then again reconsidered and finally tabled. The Assembly adjourned until Monday morning. The Senate was not in session.

GENERAL.

The United States ship-of-war *Jamestown*, seventy-seven days from the Fiji Islands, has arrived at San Francisco, bringing the following intelligence: Large numbers of English settlers from Australia and New-Zealand are constantly arriving to engage in the raising of Sea Island cotton, which, owing to the quality of the soil, is said to be most profitable. A petition has been extensively signed by the Islanders and forwarded to Washington, asking the United States to assume the protectorate of the islands, 154 in number, of which sixty-five are inhabited. About fifty Americans are now settled there.

A dispatch from Pembina of the 10th inst., by the way of St. Cloud, Minn., on the 21st, contains an article from the *New Nation*, the organ of the insurgents in the Red River country, published at Fort Garry. The article goes on to state the causes which led to the present state of affairs, and closes by advocating "independence for the people as a present cure for public ills," with prospective annexation to the United States.

GEORGE D. PRENTICE died yesterday morning at the residence of his son, nine miles from Louisville. His funeral will take place to-morrow.

CHARLES LEFFARUND was arrested at St. Louis on Friday for the alleged murder of CHARLES GLEESING, near Belleville, Ill., in September last.

A grand review of the volunteers is to take place in Havana to-day in honor of ex-Secretary SEWARD.

The Board of Officers now sitting in Atlanta, Ga., to investigate the qualifications of members of the Legislature, it was expected, would conclude their labor last night. General TERRY has written a letters in reply to the application of Democratic members to have the question of eligibility submitted to the State Supreme Court. He declines to accede to the request.

Two more extradition cases are now before the Canada Courts. J. O. ROBINSON, charged with arson in Massachusetts, was yesterday committed at Toronto, and the Sheriff of Niagara County is in that city waiting for papers from Ottawa for the extradition of IRA GOULD, charged with forgery.

A dispatch from Ottawa, Canada, states that the Council refuses to allow the Ontario Supply bill, on the ground of its conflicting with certain provisions of the Union act. In consequence an extra session of the Legislature will probably be called to amend the act.

Judge FISHER, in the Criminal Court, yesterday, at Washington, passed judgment on the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Company. Fines to the amount of $2,500 are imposed, and the Company is required to remove the railroad obstructions now in the streets of the city and to fill up the excavations.

The dryhouse attached to the wadding mill of PLATT & SMITH, near Chatham, this State, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. There was a large quantity of cotton in the building, all of which was consumed. Loss $10,000; insured.

ELIZA P. BUCKLEY, who sued the St. Louis *Republican* for libel, laying her damages at $25,000, has recovered $5,000. The jury in the case rendered a verdict yesterday, after being out since Thursday.

CALDWELL, who was arrested at Toronto, Canada, on Friday, on a warrant sworn out by the United States Consul at that place, was brought before the Police Magistrate yesterday morning, and remanded until to-morrow.

JAY GOULD and JAMES FISK, Jr., were yesterday examined by the Committee investigating the Gold Conspiracy at Washington. FISK also made his appearance on the floor of the House during the day.

LOCAL.

The German Republican Central Committee of this City reorganized for the ensuing year on Friday evening by electing new members.

The General Committee of the German-American School Association of this City, reorganized for the present year last night, by electing new officers.

An accident occurred on the Long Island Railroad yesterday morning, which came near resulting in a serious loss of life. As it was two persons were injured and 150 badly frightened.

The first weekly service in the new Synagogue Temple Israel, Brooklyn, took place yesterday. Rev. Dr. SAMUEL ADLER, of this City, delivered a discourse on "Jewish Reform."

A delegation of carmen called on the Collector yesterday, and presented a petition signed by many leading merchants, for a repeal of his late cartage order. Mr. GRINNELL received the delegation, but laid down his policy in such emphatic terms that the carmen were obliged to withdraw somewhat discomfited.

Railway Problems.

Few blows more direct and powerful have been dealt, of late, in public discussion, to the vicious and monstrous subsidy system in constructing railroads than the paper which Mr. CHARLES F. ADAMS, Jr., contributes to the current number of the *North American Review*. It is a direct blow, because it deals with names and figures, not with generalities; it is a powerful blow, because it thoroughly exposes the intrigues of past, the iniquities of present and the perils of future legislative manipulation. The evil, too, is one that afflicts alike national and State legislation. When, for example, we are told that during the twenty-six working days of the session of Congress last Spring, no less than twenty-three bills were introduced into the Senate for aiding railroads that unaided private capital shrank from building, we may appreciate the extent of this evil. When we learn that this modest array of bills proposed to construct over fourteen thousand miles of road, and to appropriate for the purpose more than two hundred and twenty-four millions of acres of the public domain, or more than one-half of the territory now unoccupied, we may concede that it was a pretty good month's work for the subsidy beggars. Nor was that all, since three out of these twenty-three bills additionally asked the Government to become responsible for the interest on more than one hundred and sixteen millions of money indebtedness—an annual charge of nigh upon seven millions of dollars.

Thus the Pacific Railroad, once admitted to be an exceptional case, is now sought to be turned into a precedent which, if established, would in a trice swallow the public lands and swamp the public Treasury. And the same is true of the various States—of Massachusetts, for example, where "the exception of 1836 is the rule of 1869," and where the interference of the State to aid the construction of a line to connect Boston with Albany and the West by taking 10,000 shares of stock, has been successfully used by other lines, existing and prospective, to draw the State into an expenditure of thirteen millions thus far, while it will be lucky to get out of the matter with twice that outlay. Mr. ADAMS well says, that if the National Government goes on for twenty years at simply the same rate and in the same path as Massachusetts, by the year 1890 it will be involved in the affairs of railroad corporations, two-thirds of them insolvent, to the extent of six hundred million dollars; and that it will have to complete and manage "the most hopelessly bankrupt and unpromising roads," while by that time, with subsidy jobbing in full sweep, "the moral condition of the Government will have become unendurable." For, besides the question of money, there is a great question of morals, considering the enormous power and patronage of railroads, the sums they lavish on legislation and the lobbying and log-rolling to which so many of them resort in buying or bullying their schemes to success.

But, vast as is the subsidy question, the question of railway consolidations is, in Mr. ADAMS'S view, still more important. And this, too, connects itself with the Pacific Railway problem, because every prominent road in the East, we are told, has been hard at work securing, through consolidation, perpetual leases, or close contracts, a connection with the single trunk road. There are four of these great roads, leading to the four Atlantic seaports. The New-York Central, composed, but seventeen years ago, of ten distinct and independent links, now controls within the limits of our State alone 974 miles of track, represented by $125,000,000 of paper securities. Beyond the State, the Central influences other roads West and South, so as to make its substantial control, according to Mr. ADAMS, "nearly 5,000 miles of track and more than $300,000,000 of capital." Then we have the Erie Railway—described as "a number of bankrupt roads bolstering each other up, and trying to produce strength out of a united weakness"—the Pennsylvania Central, whose consolidations of control are estimated at 2,700 miles and $160,000,000; the Baltimore and Ohio, and so on.

Now since, thirty years ago, no corporation in the country not political ever controlled more than five millions of capital, and the largest gross income of any railroad company was half a million, it is easy to see what apprehensions are properly excited by these monstrous growths of corporate power. The great number of employes in these railroad corporations is another subject for reflection; and to us, who saw, the other day, the "Erie and Susquehanna war" to mean no idle metaphor, but the concentration of thousands of armed followers, the reflection is a grave one.

All that can well be said, however, on this subject, as on that of subsidies, is that, knowing well the tendency, and surely forecasting the result, we must throw the weight of public opinion against the efforts to combine and consolidate. The day may come when the Railroad King will be a figure compared with which CALEB CUSHING'S "man on horseback" will sink into nothingness, and will represent a power to be likened only to that of Church or Empire in their palmiest days of boundless dominion. We have sometimes heard the possibility discussed of carrying consolidation to the extent of making one railway corporation control all the rest. In that case it is clear that a single powerful man could have at command a treasury representing two billions of money and apportioning their means of livelihood to half a million of men. It is no chimera which Mr. ADAMS creates,—it is rather the tracing of actually working causes to their probable effects. What counteracting causes will in their turn be set at work remains to be seen.

A Day in the City Courts.

Has the reader ever improved his mind by visiting the law Courts in this City? If not, his education is incomplete. He knows nothing of the blessed principles of justice. He does not understand the power of the emotions. One's knowledge of human nature is enlarged, and a sense of reverence creeps over us, as we observe the ministers of the blind goddess performing their solemn duties. Moreover, a man who is in the habit of attending the Courts in New-York must necessarily be of a merciful and forgiving disposition. He beholds the gentler qualities exercised every day, especially towards criminals of the deepest dye. In some Courts he will find social outcasts on terms of affectionate intimacy with the Judge. Then, if he wants a lesson in humility, how can he do better than go for it to a certain Court, where the Judge will go out and "take a drink" with almost anybody that asks him? There is no pride in that. Or, if the visitor desires to see a model of steadfastness in friendship, he has only to sit at the feet of the Judge who makes it his principal boast that he is always ready to pronounce a decision in favor of his personal acquaintance. If the idle man is not in search of moral lessons, but merely wishes to be amused, we confidently recommend him to try the law Courts in preference to most of the theatres. Suppose we take only one day—last Friday—as offering a taste of the entertainment likely to be set before him. We will confine ourselves to a couple of Courts, and see what incidents occurred in the course of an hour or two.

First, we will go to the Court of General Sessions, where a woman is on her trial for killing a man. Her name is ELLEN REBECCA UTT, and one day she took it in her head to stab the brother of a person with whom she was living. There had been a quarrel, and "ELLEN," as the Judge called her—and why should we be more particular than the Judge?—settled the little difference by killing her friend. She was indicted for murder, but the jury took a merciful view of her case, and found her guilty of manslaughter in the third degree. Then her counsel put in a plea for more mercy. Perhaps some of our readers who have kept an eye upon the law Courts know what sort of a speech it was. "Your Honor, my client is a woman. That ought to be enough to exculpate her from this charge. Women are claiming their rights—but still their sex must be taken in mitigation of any offence they commit, and plead specially for them when they get into an ugly scrape of this kind. But besides that, your Honor, this woman was without a stain upon her character until she killed a man. I can't deny that she is a married woman, and that she was lately living with a certain man who is *not* her husband—but these are trifles. We wont mention them. My client is a philosopher, and acts up to her principles. If these considerations do not move you to compassion, allow me to direct your particular and respectful attention to the 'nursing infant of but a few months at her breast.' If that is not enough, look at that curly-headed girl in the back part of the Court room—another child of my client's. I may likewise mention that she has still another child. Now, is a woman with three children a proper object to punish, even if she *does* commit a murder?"

We do not say that this was word for word the speech of the able advocate, but we have only taken the liberty to paraphrase it. What happened when the Judge heard this beautiful appeal? Of course the first thing he did was to shed a tear. Then in a mild voice he called upon Mrs. UTT to receive her sentence. He could give her four years, he told her. But he had heard that she had "a little prattling child some four years old." For the sake of the said prattler he would only sentence her to a year's imprisonment—and no one can reasonably expect to kill a man for less than that. It is cheaper than stealing watches. "ELLEN," continued the Judge, in a strain which would have drawn "iron tears down PLUTO'S cheek," "ELLEN, when you *shall have* (*sic*) left the prison walls and once more *return* to the world, should you ever be tempted to do wrong, clasp that little child tenderly to your bosom, nestle it closely to your heart, look into that babe's innocent little face, and"—we can transcribe no more. The man who can read these agonizing sentences unmoved must have no heart or bosom to clasp a little child to. It is like one of those beautiful speeches in a play which make everybody cry. The actor utters it in a broken voice, and out come all the handkerchiefs and smelling bottles. ELLEN goes to spend a few months in prison, and as for the poor fellow whom she dispatched to another world—why waste a thought on him? Will one man ever be missed in this great country?

Let us wipe our eyes and go to the Tombs Police Court. There a Magistrate is sitting to punish drunkards and other worthless vagabonds. Presently there enters a man whom he, the Justice, recognizes. The stranger applies in a confident tone for the release of some friend of his who has been committed to prison for intoxication. The Magistrate, we are proud to say, scorns the attempt to tamper with the sacred principles of justice. "I will discharge no one," he says, "for a drunken politician." The applicant is evidently not used to a rebuff of this kind. When he goes into a Court his word is generally law—to the exclusion of all other law. The "drunken politician" puts on his hat in disgust. Magistrate orders an officer of the Court to remove it. Politician, much staggered by this treatment, remarks that things have greatly changed since the election. But in a little while the wife of drunkard No. 1 steps forward and pleads for her husband. Who can resist a woman's tears? Niobe once more looks at Justice, and the bandage drops from her eyes. The Magistrate who was inflexible to the politician was as wax in the hands of one of our future masters. He let the drunkard go without a word.

There is an instructive moral to be derived from these stories, or we should never have repeated them on Sunday. In the first place, a baby is a good thing to take into Court when we happen to be standing in a felon's dock charged with murder. Failing the baby, a "weepist"—if we may borrow a horrible word for a moment—ought to be part of the stock in trade of every man who breaks the laws. A crying wife is a most useful addition to the household, and to the drunkard she is generally not much more expensive than a crying doll, because he takes good care not to support her. There are, in short, three influences which are seldom brought to bear upon our City Judges in vain—political influence, a woman's tears, and the cup of friendship; the last may be filled with wine, or with something more substantial, according to the importance of the suit involved. These simple lessons are well worth spending a day in the Courts of law to learn. Never mind the lawyers. They are useless. Go straight to the Judge, especially if you are a woman, or a "leviathan" speculator, and the chances are that you will come out of your little difficulty as easily as "ELLEN" did out of her's.

The War of the Future in Europe.

The strife of dynasties in the Old World is becoming a thing of the past. As the people rise to their natural altitude of self-government, thrones become of little account in the chapter of history. But just as the struggle of crowns and mercenaries seems doomed to follow the other wrecks of feudalism, a war more deadly and dangerous still is being nourished in the very heart of European civilization, as if to mock the expectation of ever attaining to a reign of universal peace. It dogs the steps of progress, and paralyzes the hand of industry,—it is the war between the laborer and the employer. No sooner has the industry of a country been reduced to system and organization than the rival forces begin to combine and prepare for a test of strength. Their intervals of peace are but fits of sullen acquiescence, and they never understand each other so thoroughly as when engaged in open fight.

The question is one of the most serious that looms in the future of European society. The commonplaces of social ethics, as to mutual forbearance, brotherly sympathy and the rest, are as powerless against such a struggle as a bucket of water against a huge conflagration. It will develop into a conflict of classes and be fought out to the bitter end unless a force be discovered to bring the two together, as powerful as that which is now driving them asunder. Their interests are identical, and yet they are opposed, and this diversity must be reconciled before their hostility can be averted. In spite of the manifold absurdities and mistakes of trades' unions, there can be no question as to their resting on a perfectly legitimate basis. One of the greatest of living economists has admitted that the relations between labor and capital are not covered by the ordinary laws of supply and demand. The fiction of a wages fund whose amount at any given period regulates the total remuneration of labor, has been abandoned by its author. Apart from combination, labor has no rights which are not at the mercy of the capitalist. On the other hand, it cannot be too steadily kept in mind, that while a certain proportion of profits can be made to contribute to wages, it will only be such a proportion as will leave inducement enough to prevent capital from migrating to other employments. There are, unfortunately, too many examples of labor combinations killing the goose that lays the golden eggs, to lead us to expect that opposing forces will always prevent them from going too far.

It seems a comfortable enough theory that harmonious progress will be possible, in spite of influences that act different ways, just as planetary movement is generated by centrifugal and centripetal attraction. In point of fact, a balance of power is scarcely possible. Once labor is fairly organized it becomes too strong for capital, and can only be defeated by a process that is mutually suicidal. Under the present conditions we see no prospect of anything but a perpetually recurrent strife, allayed in one country only to break out in another, and meanwhile sowing the seeds of a warfare more radical and irreconcilable still. The relations between labor and capital must be reconstituted. The workman must feel that in fact, as well as in theory, he is interested in the prosperity of his employer. His work must be made to assume to him the interest which every man feels in what is really his own business. His capacity and industry must be allowed to earn their appropriate reward, not by being forced down to the mediocrity of his inferiors, but by being enabled to participate directly in their fruits. Both employers and employed must, in fact, attain the ideal of intelligent, productive coöperation—an ideal which at the present moment is as far from the conception of trades' unions as it is from that of the majority of capitalists.

Our own country, by presenting a boundless field for the development of individual energy, and an unlimited fertility of resource in the productive application of capital, is only in a very limited degree subject to the dangers which at present menace older civilizations. For them, however, the question is of the most pressing importance, though it may require many more such warnings as the one now pending at Creusot to compel that serious and candid attention which it demands.

Toy Wives.

What has become of the old-fashioned helpmate? Or, perhaps—since cherished and wonder-striking specimens still linger here and there around us—we should rather say what is becoming of her? The notion appears to be slowly but surely gaining ground that for woman in her conjugal relation to *help* man is an absurd and exploded fallacy. "If I cannot be allowed to *pet* my wife," said a backsliding reformer in the Woman's Convention last week, "I shall not go for female enfranchisement." The observation is responsive to the notion we speak of. Women are to be pets, dolls, toys—creatures to be fondled, prettily dressed, played with—anything, in brief, but coworkers or helpmates to their husbands. There is always danger of exaggeration in the discussion of social topics; but it will hardly be said that we strain truth in affirming that, in our great cities at least, feminine responsibility in marriage is getting to be sadly attenuated, and that the fact augurs no good for the average domestic happiness of the future.

Young men complain on all sides that they are not rich enough to marry. When thought of at all, this is commonly attributed to the hard times; but there were hard times long ago, and people then married and were given in marriage in the Spring of their lives, before the freshness and gaiety of youth had departed and head and heart had alike grown gray in the struggle for gold. It was formerly thought that with health and strength one pair of hands could win bread for two—provided always thrift and cheerfulness abode in the home to take care of what was gained and impart the needful spirit to gain more. We have changed or are changing all that. More is expected nowadays from the man and less from the woman. A girl with any pretensions to beauty or family, looks, in marrying, to be maintained in luxury without physical effort of her own, and even those moral repayments which of yore were things of course—the tacit acknowledgments that brighten the fireside and smooth the rugged masculine path—are now, we fear, all too seldom regarded as obligatory. Instead of these, the average husband is perhaps treated to a daily exposition of woman's wrongs, informed that man is her tyrant and enslaver, but that, thanks to Providence and Mr. JOHN STUART MILL, a year of deliverance is surely at hand.

We are not of the number who would turn a deaf ear to the reasonable complaints of the sex, or decline to revise legal or social usages that discriminate unfairly against them. But it is surely not without significance, at a period when the clamor is so loud for woman's rights, and so sharp in reprobation of her alleged slavery, that there should be so many useless wives, drones of women, who, whether as girls or mothers, seem to think—when they think at all—that their sex shields them from every responsibility, and that it is the business of men to fight the whole of the battle of life alone. It is no doubt true that this is in part the fault of the men. They want to "pet" their wives, to make babies of them, to array them in purple and fine linen, to see them dazzle the opera house and saloon with their silks and ermine and pearls and diamonds. Too busy to "dress" themselves, men have, in a fashion, assigned the monopoly to wives and daughters. The fact has tended to stimulate the greed of women for dress, and to augment their self-love while naturally weakening their powers of self-control and draining the purse of their husbands. The subject is one that admits of being estimated from many sides and discussed from different points of view; but there can be no harm at a period when so much is said about the rights of woman that are unjustly withheld by man in suggesting some slight consideration of the possible rights of man that are withheld by women. Whatever the result of such consideration with different thinkers, it will hardly be gainsaid that women ought to have duties in life whether they generally acknowledge and perform them or not; and that in this struggling century men have but a doubtful right to have, and women a still more questionable right to be, what we have stigmatized under the name of "Toy" Wives.

Our State Prisons.

The contest of opinion between those who look upon imprisonment as chiefly a reforming agency, and those who see in it a method of punishment only, is very far from ended, although the former have gained increased influence during the last few years. It is now pretty generally conceded that the prisons of this State are in an unsatisfactory condition both as to their management and their effect upon the future of released malefactors. Insurrections and escapes frequently occur; the methods of discipline and punishment of the refractory almost totally fail; the prisoner is invariably turned loose upon the world when his term expires with a character worse than when it began, and he is driven to fresh crimes because no provision is made by which he may be given a chance to begin life anew.

The two classes of reformers who study these facts give very different views of their cause. One assumes at once that there is a certain proportion of mankind which is inherently bad, and impossible to be made good, or fit to be trusted in any relation of life. For such, repression, and the utmost vigor, and even cruelty, appear the only safe methods in the opinion of the "naturally bad" theorists. There may be monsters here and there, and TRAUPMANN may be cited as an example, but it is another thing to charge humanity with so large a proportion of depravity because of these. At all events, society more generally prefers the humane view of the case, and to look upon much crime as the result of folly and weakness, and still more as committed by persons who would willingly enter upon a blameless life if they were given the chance. It has often been said that even "professional" thieves and other breakers of the law are not wholly enamored of their position, although the remark is more true of Europe than of this State, where politics very largely enters into the subject.

The Prison Association of New-York has, since 1846, labored to impress upon the public the theory of reformation with punishment, as opposed to punishment as the retribution demanded for crime. The report which it has just published enters into a timely statement of the existing evils in our State Prison system, and discusses the moral aspects of the case. For a period of twenty years the administration of our State Prisons has been—it is distinctly stated—a failure. The financial rather than the moral results have been considered paramount. The prison officials are political partisans, and the prisons themselves are not governed in the spirit which it was hoped would be exhibited. It is true that during past years changes have been made with the intention of bettering the opportunities for reformation among the prisoners. But even these have been imperfectly carried out. For instance, the law of 1869 prohibited the use of "the shower bath, the crucifix and the yoke and buck," while that of 1847 prohibited the use of the whip only. But no provision was made for enforcing discipline by other methods, and the consequences of the omission were at once seen in great disorder and rioting in the prisons.

The Association proposes, as a remedy for existing deficiencies, that an amendment to the State Constitution be submitted to the people, and it memorializes the Legislature with that view. The amendment suggested abolishes the present Inspectors of State Prisons entirely, and substitutes a Board of Managers of Prisons, consisting of five persons appointed by the Governor with the aid of the Senate. They are to hold office for ten years, and receive no payments, except for reasonable traveling and official expenses. The great merit of the plan, besides this feature of gratuitous service, is that it is based upon a principle of responsibility throughout. The Warden, Clerk, Physician and Chaplain will be appointed and removed where charges are established against them by the Managers, who in their turn can be removed by the Governor for misconduct or neglect. And as the Warden appoints and removes all minor officials at his pleasure, it follows that discipline which is impossible without actual power will be realized. Good as this proposed scheme is on its face, it is sure to be met with opposition. The reformers by whom it is framed would deprive the Governor of a slice of patronage, and office-seekers of three offices which are supposed be worth having. But the general sense of the State is with the Association, and when it is added that while, since 1847, the population of the State has increased about fifty-five per cent., the proportion of convicts has increased one hundred per cent., the urgency of the whole subject is sufficiently clear.

Appellative Oddities.

In this country, where, it has been calculated, a new village comes into existence every twenty-four hours, the designations by which embryo cities shall be known, deserve more consideration than they commonly receive. A place may be almost as much injured as man or dog by a bad name; its effect upon streets has been shown in this City, where renaming is frequently the first step from disrepute to respectability. The appellations of towns and cities, if originating from outsiders, are usually somewhat like nicknames; but most frequently they are chosen by the earlier inhabitants or property owners. Yet the latter class do not very frequently take the occasion for commemorating their own personal cognomens. Whether modesty, the jealousy of fellow-townsmen, or a sense of the fitness of things interferes, it is fortunate that but few attempt it. For even when improved by the possessive case and an additional word, the result is scarcely a success; though there may be those who admire Mann's Choice, Klutt's Tanyard, Hopkins' Turnout and Thompson's Flat.

The most noticeable feature about town names is the frequency with which some of them are repeated. There were once seventeen Washingtons in Pennsylvania. The Post Office Department remedied this matter very considerably, by refusing to recognize more than one place of the same name in a State; the rest had to be renamed. Thus there can now be only as many Post Office towns of one name in the United States as there are States and Territories; yet the use of certain names very nearly reaches that limit. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that there is a dearth of town names, and a few are made to go a long way. Some, taken, perhaps, either from the Bible or from the mother country, may be repeated by the process related specifically of a citizen of Salem, Mass., who, moving from time to time, founded successively Salem, Ohio, Salem, Ind., and Salem, Iowa. An English lady of education declares that she was taught to pronounce Kentucky with an accent on the first syllable, including therein the letter *t*; the idea being conveyed that the word was in some way derived from the County of Kent, England; her instructors mentioning that the early colonists of America adopted in general the names of the places from which they had emigrated.

Leaving out of consideration the names repeated in the different States, the rest are neither numerous nor generally deserving of commendation. It is easy to believe that a town in this State now finds itself in trouble, having resolved to obtain for itself a new name not hitherto used. Certain villages, perhaps similarly at their wits' end, have struck upon Lucky Hit as a title. Nothing but sheer desperation could justify such designations as Big Shantee or Big Skin Creek; nor would anybody naturally prefer Skinquarter or Hornet's Nest as his Post Office address; nor care to speculate in town lots in Pig's Eye, Negro Foot, or Skunk's Misery. The inhabitants of Beverly, Mass., who wax wroth when it is called Beantown, may yet consider themselves more happy than the dwellers in Pumpkin Vine, Ga. A name may be too extensive; it is always unwise to add "City" to it; if a place is not yet a city, the title is incorrect; if it has become one, unnecessary. This busy age cannot spare time in recalling a Forks of Twelve Pole or a North River Meeting House.

Classic names sound queerly in America; yet some of them are popular. More than a score of Troys may here shelter eloping Helens, and Sparta and Athens, reduplicated in almost equal number, may yet preserve Hellenic courage and culture. In the early part of this century a New-York State Surveyor jotted down in the public records names for the villages he had located in his maps. Having neglected to ascertain those in actual use, he selected short ones from LEMPRIERE'S *Classical Dictionary*. In this way New-York was provided with Ovid and Homer, Carthage and Ilion, Manlius and Cicero, Cato and Plato. Indian names recommend themselves by an appropriate originality, but comparatively few have the requisite qualifications as to sound, and some not otherwise objectionable have too many syllables. None but aboriginal ears can enjoy the astonishing cacophony of Shuqualak and Quonochontaug. As for mixtures of languages, no mercy should be shown to the wretch who compounded such conglomerates as Minneapolis and Tullytown.

The New Ports of Entry—Strange and Serious Charges.

The movement to make certain Western cities ports of entry ought to be able to rely on its own merits; for, in such a measure, if any clear advantage to the country can be shown, probably the Western importers combined are strong enough to carry a bill for the purpose through Congress. But we find these importers relying, in their present efforts, not only on the quantities of foreign goods they buy, but on charges of existing theft and fraud. "How Cincinnati merchants are robbed—actual instances of fraud—whole cases of valuable silks stolen—no redress can be obtained:"—such are the somewhat startling head lines with which the Cincinnati *Chronicle* prefaces a catalogue of public accusations which cannot be left without some comment and answer.

We are told, for example, of the firm of JOHN SHILLOTO & Co., being "robbed of silks." That house had imported, it would seem, twelve or fifteen cases of valuable silks, among which were three or four cases of black silks, the balance being peculiar shades, which could easily be identified. "In the New-York Custom House," says the *Chronicle*, "these cases were deliberately robbed of all the black silks which could not be identified, and the cases reached here depleted of their goods." A second example is of cases of hosiery which "were robbed and came to this city short of their contents, and in one instance completely emptied." Another series of complaints of the same nature is directed against the Baltimore Custom House. Still others relate to the alleged "extortionate charges and delays of the New-York officials," which "compel us to have all our foreign importations made *via* Montreal and Portland at much greater expense." A china and glassware house complains of breakage, and "abstraction of pieces of valuable sets which it is impossible to replace." A hatter complains that some of his hats are "mussed" and others missed. Another importer says:

"Still another, and to us very costly grievance, is the careless and destructive repacking of goods examined in the Appraiser's Department. We give especial instructions to have our goods well packed, and seldom receive any in a broken condition, if left undisturbed. But we never receive a case from the Appraiser's Department but that the wares contained therein are damaged to a greater or less extent, often entailing upon us considerable loss for which we have no relief. We are prevented from bonding our goods through to Cincinnati by the outrageously high charges of the Baltimore and New-York warehouses and cartmen, and are therefore obliged to have the business transacted at these places."

We think it will be admitted from this array, that we have given a fair representation to the complaints of our Cincinnati friends. In return, they must admit that here are collected a great many incidents and accidents which might conceivably happen even if Cincinnati were a port of entry, and that they lump together, also, all the various handlings—not only official, but private—from the packer's on the other side of the water to the consignee's on this side. There are, however, undoubtedly instances in which grievances would be redressed by the consignees being able to make their claims for refunding duties sooner, had they resided at a port of entry. In any case, the result of these complaints, which have been laid before the Congressional Committee now investigating the subject, will probably be to bring the evils alleged under sharper scrutiny, and so help New-York and Baltimore, as well as the Western cities.

Prince ARTHUR PATRICK, &c., shows much good sense in discarding a good deal of what the people of the old Continent have always attributed—and, indeed, with some show of justice—to the Princes of the English royal family. In Canada he fell easily into the ways of a mere gentleman, and should be allowed to "behave as such" here also—as he would evidently be glad to do, if our people would only be so good as to let him. It is curious enough to consider that in no part of the world would a Prince cause such a flurry of curiosity as in this country of Republicans and Democrats *par excellence*—which is a fact for the philosophers to explain. No doubt the curiosity has much good nature in it; but it looks ridiculous when people carry it to excess—as the foreigners say we carry everything.

Puck's supernatural feat of putting "a girdle round about the earth in forty minutes" appears to be fast coming within the scope of possibility. The *Great Eastern*, about whose safety apprehensions were beginning to be felt, is at present on her voyage to Bombay with a cable, which is to connect that point with Suez, and which, in connection with another line from Falmouth to Gibraltar, will institute an unbroken communication between Great Britain and her Indian possessions. Companies are being formed to carry the wires by way of Singapore to Australia and China, so that the completion of

the plans of the California projectors is only needed to bridge the Pacific, and so afford an early prospect of making the circle complete.

We cannot read the signs in France. There is something in them that recalls the story of the old Chaldean King—how he made a feast, and how there came the finger of a man's hand and wrote over the candlestick, and how his countenance was changed and his joints were loosened, and how the prophet read the words that were written, and how his prisoner was honored with garments of scarlet and chains of gold, and exalted to be the third ruler of the kingdom. "In that night was Belshazzar, the King of the Chaldeans, slain." The Emperor has been troubled by the signs in France, and has found a Minister and prophet among his Liberal antagonists. He still reigns, and OLLIVIER is Minister; but the signs are those of commotion and disaster, and we fear that the dynasty is falling. We have no faith in Napoleonism. It belongs to the time of CHARLEMAGNE.

Mr. KIERNAN, in the Assembly, has made a beginning of what will yet, no doubt, prove a vast improvement for New-York—the fringing of this great commercial City with a circuit of wharves, piers and basins, constructed of stone and other durable material. While our Metropolis must always endure the disadvantage of small room on land, it has spaces and capabilities on the water edges which could make it the first city of ships in the world. There are up-town lots on both sides which offer sites for docks to rival those of Liverpool; and when these are used up, as they probably will be, there is the convenient circuit of Governor's Island which may be notched with basins and docks all round. The proposed Commission will have a grand task before it, and any plans decided on should be on a large and liberal scale, worthy of the maritime future of New-York and its estuary.

The issue between the Pope and the Bishops in opposition appears now to have come to a point. Warned by the fate of the remonstrance presented by their Gallican brethren, the Germans have evidently resolved upon action as the only effective line of defence. According to the latest telegram they have resolved to make a formal demand that the dignity and influence of the Episcopate be fully sustained in counting its votes at the deliberations of the Council. Should the Holy See determine to place the head of an extensive diocese on the same footing as the superior of a monastic foundation, the German prelates have resolved to secede in a body. The settlement of a point so important must afford the key to the further proceedings of the Council.

This mining, and canaling, and tunneling age finds the old explosive powers of gunpowder too "slow," and so invents nitro-glycerine, a thing of greater energy. But the latter seems now about to give way before another "shape of power" called *dualin*—perhaps because it is twice as strong as any of the others. The Spring field *Republican* says that VON SCHELIKA and VON DITMAR, two Prussian officers, are employing it successfully in the Hoosac Tunnel, that it is stronger than nitro-glycerine and safer than gunpowder, and that Mr. SHANLY, the contractor, has begun to use it. The thing is evidently "a tearer," capable of doing good service in a variety of works; and, while waiting till the Darien ridges are ready to be operated on, we venture to suggest that this dualin may be a good thing to put on the Hog's Back and the other obstinate boulders of Hell Gate.

Mr. SAMUELSON, an English writer who is well known as the advocate of technical education for workingmen, has just published a volume on the social and educational institutions of German artisans. The arrangements of the Workmen's Institute at Munich are detailed at considerable length. They embrace the renting of a handsome house, which yields the advantage of a club and of an educational institute. It contains a refreshment room, a gymnasium, a billiard room, a library of 1,500 volumes, and rooms devoted to classes for instruction in languages, science and music. The classes are well attended, and the educational advantages of the institution highly appreciated. It also embraces a sick club, a savings bank, and a department which subscribes to the German Emigration Society. In common with other similar institutions, it also supports a periodical devoted to the technical instruction of artisans. In the contents of a single number of this publication we find a chapter in the history of cabinet making, a series of designs for architectural ornaments, for castings, mosaics, stone and wood carving, with sundry working designs for various descriptions of cabinet work.

The action of Louisiana in repealing the Gambling License law has scarcely been noticed so generally as it deserves. And yet it is a reform which not only required some courage, but would at one time have seemed impossible. The effect of the repeal is at once apparent. To the surprise of many, the proprietors of the New-Orleans gaming houses at once closed their doors. It is said that some of them were not sorry to find a decent excuse—decent, that is, in the eyes of their customers—for leaving a business which was carried on frequently at great personal risk. At all events, the city is now much changed as to its night aspect, for the glittering allurements of its principal street are banished. The example might be well followed elsewhere, but that is perhaps asking too much. Still, the fact that one bold stroke has succeeded is something; some day another may be dealt here, if only for the sake of proving what can be done, if we but choose to do it.

The conflicting accounts regarding the Suez Canal will of course become settled in time by definite official figures regarding the actual experience of a large number of vessels in using it. But it is just to say that, from the outset, public opinion in England received a strong "set" against it from the incredulity of prominent men. One of the STEPHENSONS, the distinguished engineers, declared, many years ago, that as a highway of commerce the canal would be a failure; and this he did, not from any general or indefinite purpose, but with the express intent to dissuade his countrymen from investing capital in any such scheme. This opinion, reinforced by that of some other engineers, undoubtedly biased popular judgment, and led many people to believe that the canal would be a "useless ditch." We are yet to see how far this opinion was erroneous; but meanwhile, it should seem rather to be quite as much the approaches to the canal as the canal itself which is likely to drive off traffic—and traffic, or use, is, after all, the simple measure of the canal's success. The route through the Mediterranean, and above all through the Red Sea, is instinctively shunned by sailing vessels used to the winds they meet in doubling the Cape, and doubtful of the delays they might experience in the other case. But with light-draught steamers the matter is, of course, otherwise For the sake of the impetus it will give to the Darien Canal project, it is to be hoped that the Suez Canal will prove a success; yet, by reason of the additional outlet it affords to East-Asiatic commerce through European waters, we cannot be over anxious for that success.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL.

The City.

Prosperous repetitions furnish little occasion for comment, and the principal theatres have offered their patrons only these and nothing more during the week. Mr. FECHTER's acting has been the chief theme of discussion in artistic circles, and it seems to be generally agreed that he is destined to win upon the New-York audiences more and more as they grow accustomed to him. Amid the animated and various criticism which the appearance of so gifted an artist naturally and reasonably evokes one important consideration is perhaps too frequently lost sight of. This consideration, which is usually marked by irrational comparisons, lies in the fact that Mr. FECHTER is an actor of a peculiar and distinct school. In that he is *facile princeps*, and it is hardly fair to measure him by second-rate representatives of other schools even though those schools be thought artistically higher than his own. We do not compare WILKIE with TURNER, MILLAIS with CLAUDE, or GUSTAVE DORE with JOHN LEECH, or a man who is a great colorist with one who is a great draughtsman. Comparison in truth is too apt to be the resource of intellectual poverty or to spring from the absence of capacity for independent thought. Mr. FECHTER's acting will best appeal to those who, whether from natural bent or the training of their taste, like to have a thing superbly fine of its kind, and are not disturbed in their enjoyment by the reflection that there are other fine things of other kinds whether of lower or higher degree. So that even supposing that what is called melodrama—the only kind of play in which New-York has thus far seen Mr. FECHTER—be confessedly an inferior branch of the histrionic art, it is intelligible that people who sympathize with an aspiration like his, who chose to be first in a village rather than second in Rome, may, under certain circumstances, prefer melodrama to tragedy. Be this as it may, the opportunity for legitimate comparison is probably not far off. We shall presently, no doubt, see Mr. FECHTER in what are accepted as our highest dramatic ideals—those of Shakespearean tragedy—and there can then be no objection to estimating his merits side by side with those of other players to which our public have become familiar. "Ruy Blas" is to be played two nights more—on Monday and Tuesday next—and for Wednesday is announced the long-expected "Duke's Motto."

Mr. EDWIN BOOTH's worthy impersonation of *Hamlet*, and his splendid collection of scenes to illustrate it, have drawn crowded and delighted houses during the week to his theatre, and we have no idea that the attraction will be diminished for a long time to come. There is a general persuasion with respectable citizens that to see and admire this representation is the right thing to do, and we rejoice that such a persuasion tends to encourage so admirable a style of revival. Popular appreciation is, undoubtedly, the most tangible reward for artistic labor, if not always the most conclusive test of artistic merit, and Mr. BOOTH will certainly not complain that his share of it has been either meagre or long withheld. None may safely predict how long "Hamlet" may hold the stage in Twenty-third-street; but, if the rumors brought us by little birds flying through the air prove true, with one representation or another the melancholy Prince will philosophize there until we see the green leaves again.

The admirers of the "Grande Duchesse" will doubtless muster in force at the French Theatre to-morrow night when Mrs. HOWARD PAUL announces her intention to apostrophize "Le Sabre de Mon Père," and, aided by the original performers of several of the characters, including the renowned *General Boum*, to essay to revive the taste for opera bouffe. Mrs. HOWARD PAUL acted the part, we are told, over one hundred consecutive nights at the Olympic Theatre, London, and was highly commended for her performance by the estimable and distinguished SCHNEIDER; and if she does not know how the "Grande Duchesse" should be played, who does? We have, consequently, no doubt but that the performance of Monday will be an effective and successful one.

Another week of "Ours" is to delight the frequenters of Wallack's. ROBERTSON fits both the actors and the audiences at this fashionable theatre with a happiness that would surprise even himself could he witness it, and the more the people see of his dramas the better they seem to like them. What a pity it is that no native playwright rises to hit off and satirize, and consequently to purify and elevate our American society with as bright a sparkle and as refined a touch! We must wait and hope, no doubt, and meanwhile Wallack's Theatre does noble service, not only in charming the leisure of to-day but in showing that there is a real and growing relish for clever modern plays, and so encouraging the coming Americans who are to write them.

As we have already announced, Mr. MARETZEK's second, or Spring, season of twenty nights begins on Feb. 1. The subscriptions are said to be brisk, and there are reports of novelties well calculated to provoke interest and satisfaction. It is hoped that Miss CARLOTTA PATTI, who has been working so hard as to fall ill, may recover in time to render possible her appearance, as contemplated, in "Il Flauto Magico." The weather this Winter has so far been uncommonly favorable for the delicate throats of the Italian warblers, and hence we may look for better things of them than are often realized in our trying February and March.

A highly-creditable performance of WEBER's "Der Freischutz" was given at the Academy of Music on Friday night by the Arion Vocal Society, assisted by the New-York Sing Society. There were a chorus of 150 voices, an orchestra of sixty instruments, an extra orchestra on the stage, and the whole was conducted by CARL BERGMANN. Considering all the circumstances of the performance it was one of the finest in our memory. Mme. FREDERICI-HIMMER sang the music of *Agatha*, especially the noble scena in the second act, delightfully, and richly merited the enthusiastic applause she received. Mr. CANDIDUS as *Max*, and Mr. REMMESTZ, as *Casper*, were exceedingly good and were also heartily applauded. The great Incantation Scene of the third act was terrible and pyrotechnic to the last degrees of horror and danger, the Hunter's Chorus was rapturously encored, and indeed all went merry as a marriage bell. WEBER's magnificent work received, at hands which we suppose are to be considered those of amateurs, treatment that in no attainable respect fell short in doing it justice, and the Society is to be heartily congratulated on the success of their arduous undertaking.

Mr. G. C. BONIFACE and a dramatic troupe act in the commencement of this week at the Grand Opera House. To-morrow "Jocrisse, the Juggler" will be the principal part of the entertainment. On the following Monday "The Twelve Temptations" will be brought out.

A complete change of bill will be made at the New-York Circus to-morrow evening. The DEANER Brothers, HERCULES LIBBY, Signor LAGRINO and several other artists have been added to the regular company.

At the Fifth-avenue Theatre the representations of "Surf" will be continued until further notice.

At the Olympic, Mr. G. L. FOX will continue to appear in "Paul Pry" and in "Robert Macaire."

"Ixion" is still to be witnessed at Wood's, where a superb collection of curiosities is continually being added to.

"Hash" and "The Fat Men's Ball" retain their place on the programme of the San Francisco Minstrels.

"Buck, Buck, How Many Horns?" remains on the bills of the Bowery Theatre.

M. JUIGNET'S BENEFIT PERFORMANCE.

The benefit performance of M. PAUL JUIGNET occurred at the Theatre Francais last evening, and was completely successful. More satisfactory representations have, of course, been witnessed, for the French artists now in this City are only numerous enough to form the nucleus of a strong [illegible], but as far as the personation of the leading characters was concerned, none better could be desired. M. ROCHEFORT's vaudeville of "Un Homme du Sud," with which the performance was commenced, is so amusing an imbroglio as to cause some regret that the author had not confined himself to the labors of a playwright. FRANCOIS COPPEE's poem, "La Grève des Forgerons," which followed "Un Homme du Sud," is a vigorous composition—so vigorous, indeed, that we can readily understand its great popularity in France, where rhymed plays by modern authors are more conspicuous for weakness in form than for anything else. And LABICHE's "Supplice d'Un Homme," given as the final and most substantial element of the programme, is one of those most humorous three-act pieces that English authors find it impossible to imitate in respect either of matter or of style. The performers who appeared during the evening are almost all too well known to need a lengthened reference. MM. JUIGNET, EDGARD, FRANCIS, ROUSSEAU and GENOT acted, and M. JUIGNET recited COPPEE's verses with much simple pathos, and with the occasional dramatic power their perfect expression called for. The audience, as may be inferred from an earlier statement, was numerous and fashionable.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CONCERT.

Mr. MORGAN, Mr. MORA and Mr. LEVY were the chief attractions at the concert yesterday afternoon, with Miss LANDSMAN and Mr. RANDOLFI as assistants in the vocal line. If the two latter performers could contrive to maintain an expression conveying some other impression than that they were on the pont of expiring, it would relieve persons compelled to look at them. Miss LANDSMAN needs only the minor requirements of a fine voice and more cultivation to render her singing attractive. The organ playing was excellent, and the selections on the programme judicious. Mr. LEVY always carries his audience away with his delightful waltzes and polkas, though they have a somewhat familiar sound occasionally. Every place in the hall was filled, as usual. Mrs. HOWARD PAUL sings next week.

THE DEATH OF M. GOTTSCHALK.

The brevity of the announcement that reached this City on Thursday night last, and the fact that later news from Rio Janeiro, received telegraphically toward the same hour, made no reference to the subject of LOUIS MOREAU GOTTSCHALK's death, raised some hopes of the unreliability of the intelligence, but letters containing full particulars were at hand on the morrow and dispelled it all. During a grand concert given in Rio on Nov. 25, he fell senseless before his instrument. The final illness had commenced. It terminated on Dec. 18 in the death of the sufferer. The funeral services of LOUIS MOREAU GOTTSCHALK were held under the auspices of the Philharmonic Society of Rio de Janeiro, and the remains were afterwards interred in the Cemetery of San Joao Baptista.

Domestic Gossip.

Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY WILLIAMS acted in New-Haven, Conn.... Mr. E. L. DAVENPORT was acting at the Albany Academy of Music in "Enoch Arden" last week, and Mr. E. EDDY was at Trimble's Opera House in the same city.... On Friday evening Messrs. CHANFRAU, C. R. THORNE, Jr., and C. T. PARSLOE, Jr., acted in "Sam" in Springfield, Mass.... "Little Em'ly" has been produced with very marked success at Selwyn's Theatre in Boston. Mr. ROBINSON was *Peggotty*, Mr. ROBSON *Micawber*, Mr. PEARSON *Ham*.... The Parepa-Rosa Opera Troupe were last week at the Boston Theatre. They sang "Der Freischutz," with Mme. PAREPA-ROSA and Miss HERSEE in the cast, to an audience represented by almost $4,000.... Following are the receipts of the places of amusement in Boston last month: Adelphi, $12,952; Howard Athenæum, $18,654; Boston Museum, $14,731; Boston Theatre, (for November,) $41,615; Selwyn's Theatre, $23,251.... LOTTA, HERMANN and the Richings Opera Troupe were last week in Chicago, Ill.... Mrs. GLADSTANE was, at last accounts, acting in "Mary Warner," in Galveston, Texas.... The Maretzek Opera Troupe sang last week in the Holliday-street Theatre, in Baltimore.... Mr. J. H. HACKETT acted, last week, in Charleston, S. C.... Mr. J. A. ROSE, while acting *Poins*, in "Henry IV," in Charleston, S. C., last week, was prostrated by disease of the heart. He recovered himself, however, towards the close of the play.... Some one having denied the "genuineness" of Mr. FELIX ROGERS, who is now to act at De Bar's Theatre, in St. Louis, the New-Orleans papers print a certificate, signed by Mr. JOSEPH JEFFERSON, and assuring the public of the unfounded character of the assertion.... Mr. FORREST was in Detroit, Mich., last week, and was acting to rather small audiences.... Mrs. SCOTT-SIDDONS was last week in Vicksburg, Miss.... The San Francisco Musical Festival, planned and organized by Mme. CAMILLA URSO, will probably be commenced on Feb. 22, WASHINGTON's Birthday.... It is stated that Mlle. MORLACCHI has bought a farm in Billerica, and that she intends to bring her father from Italy, and to establish her home here.... A late number of the Cincinnati *Commercial* contains the story we now reprint: "Last week," it says, "among the lodgers at the Strangers' Home, there was a Frenchman, a quondam manager of Eastern theatres, and who at one time was lessee of the Theatre Francais of New-York. He told his story to the Superintendent, and the latter advised him to apply to CARLOTTA PATTI, at the Burnet House, for the pecuniary aid of which he stood in such sore need. This he did, tremblingly. The great songstress received him graciously, and asked him if he remembered a certain night on which she had occupied a private box at his theatre. The poor manager failed to recall the occasion. Not so with PATTI. She recollected the evening well, and had received so much enjoyment that she felt herself yet in the debt, she said, of him to whom she owed it. She called her agent and bade him see to the wants of her guest. A new wardrobe was procured for the ex-manager, his pocketbook was lined with tickets for New-Orleans, and something else, and he went on his way rejoicing."

News From Abroad.

HERVE'S NEW OPERA.

"A strange fantasy," says *Galignani*, "has crept over the taste of the age, when, if TALMA were to come again, he would, perhaps, play to empty benches, while the world was running after 'Le Petite Faust,' 'Frédégonde' and the 'Œil Crévé.' Nothing will now suit the town save some outrageously broad caricature, overcharged with forcibly feeble attempts at the grotesque, and overlaid with the tinkle of recollected airs, and pasted together so unskillfully as to leave the seams visible. Such is the character of the new piece, "Les Turcs." The authors have taken the ferocious despot Amurath out of that old almanac, history, and with Christmas propriety have turned him into a jack-pudding. He goes off to the siege of Babylon, and since, like the Fourth HARRY of England, he objects that 'an *Amurath* to *Amurath* succeeds,' he orders his brother *Bajazet* to be bowstrung, but when the fatal word is given, '*Cordon, s'il vous plait*,' *Bajazet* is saved by the *Sultana Roxana*, the Princess of Babylon, who forces *Amurath* to raise the siege, and carries him away captive. There is not much in this, still less is there in the music by HERVE, which is syruped on the edge of the cup to induce us to drink it to the lees, as TASSO says was customary in the nursery when administering rhubarb to children. There is one originality in the "Turcs," however, which will wrest from rum the remainder of the dullness, namely, a chorus of mutes! The turbaned dumb animals are marshaled to the foot lights, the orchestra strikes up a light airy melody, which they accompany by 'brilliant flashes of silence,' affecting to sing and accompanying their mute articulations with energetic gestures, until at the last bar they burst forth into the cry '*Car nous sommes des muets*.' This chorus, which is as effective as that of the old men in *Faust*, is rightly encored. The Eton boys once played "Bajazet;" HORACE WALPOLE was the *Sultan*, GEORGE SELWYN the *Sultana*, and Lord MARCH one of the mutes. This last got behind the scenes and drank up all the sherry: which, when WALPOLE discovered, he cried out 'By Jove, the mutes have eaten all the squabs!' The mutes at the [illegible] as though they had indulged in copious libations of wine. Hence they're three parts, a Janissary, a General and an Odalisque. You cannot conceive what a capital Eastern *cocotte* he makes as he demands from an elephant, in whose [illegible] he conceals the warriors who are to capture Babylon—the Trojan horse again—and his description of the death of the *Sultan*, by a *bowstring*, one of the most ultra-grotesque convulsive kind. The end is for the end, for Mlle. DEVERIA, the dancer who has come all the way from Russia to take Paris by storm. The city would do well to surrender at discretion, for she is a fine majestic girl, with much of Mlle. SCHNEIDER's archness and finesse, with a dash of little Miss CHAUNCEY's irresistible *espiéglerie*, so much employed in the "Pauvre de Treblonde." She has a Minerva look about her as she queens it in her seraglio, but without any Pallas severity of mien. Since Mlle. SCHNEIDER's increasing reluctance to resume the mantle of the "Belle Hélène" or to worry *Menelaus*, Mlle. DEVERIA may fill the aching void, and incontinent Paris would, perhaps, notdislike the change."

RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

Rev. Dr. LYMAN has resigned the rectorship of the American Chapel in Rome, and Rev. Mr. NEVIN has taken his place.

Rev. Mr. BRIGHAM has been for fifty years pastor of the Congregational Church at Randolph, Mass.

Rev. B. EMERSON, D. D., pastor of the South Church, Salem, Mass., was 92 on the 8th of January.

Rev. Dr. AMOS BLANCHARD, for forty years pastor of the Congregational Church at Lowell, Mass., died of heart disease last week.

The Librarian of the Presbyterian Historical Society invites all who have written anything in relation to the "reunion" to send him copies of their articles.

In 1868 there were 570 Universalist clergymen in the United States; in 1869 there were 598.

The fifty-first anniversary of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania was held in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, last Sunday evening.

The *Moravian* says that "the experience of all the missionaries is unanimously in favor of sending out married men."

Mr. A. F. SHERRILL, who has recently graduated from Andover, has taken charge of the church at Omaha, Neb.

Thirteen united with Dr. RANKIN's church, Washington, D. C., at the last communion, making seventy-six in eight months.

The Bible, in whole or in part, is printed in twenty-five of the living languages of India.

The three largest Congregational churches in New-York State are: H. W. BEECHER's, 1,853 members; Rev. R. S. STORRS', 641 members; Rev. Dr. THOMPSON's, 554 members.

Of the 857 Presbyterian clergyman in the Southern States only 300 are engaged in ministerial work.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Pittsburg has treatened to excommunicate all parents who allow their children to attend the public schools.

A correspondent of the *Examiner* urges that Baptist ministers should not recognize as ministers of the Gospel those who have not been immersed.

President SMITH, of Dartmouth, is spending a three months' vacation in New-York.

The late H. CHAMBERLAIN, of Danbury, Vt., "orally" bequeathed $1,000 to each of the three churches in the place.

During the last year forty-eight have been added to Dr. TODD's church, Springfield, Mass.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society of the First Church, New-Haven, have during the past year sent more than $4,600, in clothing and money, to eleven Home Misstonaries.

Rev. G. INCHAN is supplying three churches in Ohio for the small compensation of "mutual acquaintance."

The students of Amherst College have furnished a bell and organ for the new church at Pelham, Mass.

The Presbyterians of Kansas propose to establish a memorial university in that State in commemoration of the union.

According to the *Christian Quarterly* the "Campbellites" have 500,000 communicants, 2,000 churches and about 1,000 regular preachers.

Rev. SELLA MARTIN has resigned the pastorate of the Fifteenth-street Presbyterian Church at Washington in order to devote himself to the editing of the *New Era*.

The Congregational churches in Boston contributed $41,253 98 to the American Board for Foreign Missions in 1869.

Rev. E. P. HAMMOND received $1,500 and expenses for his services in the Evangelical churches of Cincinnati during the past two months.

The Boston *Courier* is publishing a course of sermons on "Holy Matrimony," by Rev. Dr. BOLLES.

Rev. F. A. FISKE, of the Congregational Church, seeks to be admitted as a candidate for holy orders in the Episcopal Church.

The City of Mexico has fourteen prosperous Protestant congregations.

The different churches in Newburyport, Mass., have arranged to hold their services at the same hours, in order to ring their bells in unison.

The *Protestant Churchman* says that every organized town in the diocese of Dakota is now occupied by the Episcopal Church.

At the installation of Rev. E. Y. GARRETTE, Plymouth Church, Pittsburgh, the Council was composed of Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopals and Congregationalists.

Rev. JAMES DOLAN, for twenty-nine years pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Baltimore, died there last week.

Bishop MARVIN (Methodist) has published a new book, entitled *Martyrdom in Missouri*. It shows that ministers of the Gospel were mobbed, imprisoned and put to death for preaching with out taking the test oath.

The Park Church, Brooklyn, are to erect a $20,000 chapel.

The ladies of Dr. THOMPSON's church have sent 500 copies of his *Man in Genesis and Geology* to home missionaries in the West.

The First Church of Quincy, Ill., "vished" their pastor a happy New-Year to the tune of $400 in greenbacks.

The Colver Institute for colored theological students at Richmond, Va., occupies an old slave pen—the sign on one end being not yet entirely effaced.

"The English Ritualists," says the *Christian Leader* "make the strange confession that when their object is to 'save sinners,' they can dispense with processions, banners, vestments and the like."

In a Methodist meeting in Boston a preacher said that if he must preach endless punishment, he would "lay it on softly."

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C., now has 58 students.

A generous gentleman has given $35,000 to the fund for disabled ministers and their families in the Presbyterian Church.

There are 44,415 Israelites in Italy.

Prospect Park Commissioners' Annual Report.

The annual report of the Prospect Park Commissioners is now ready to be presented to the Common Council. The Commissioners persist in their determination to sell the park land east of Flatbush-avenue. This consists of a tract of 100 acres, and is worth at the present market rates about $3,000,000. During the heated discussions of last year the question was raised whether this land, having been acquired by the city for park purposes, could afterwards be diverted from the use to which it was intended to be put; and, if it could be so diverted, whether it would not revert to the original proprietors. The report, it is understood, discusses the legal aspect of this subject, with the view of showing that the city, having purchased the fee of the land in question, the original proprietors have no reversionary interest.

Another topic in the report touches upon the City Park. The Commissioners propose to turn the site into a general market for the sale of Long Island produce until such time as the public interest demands it for the purposes of amusement or recreation. Washington Park is in its immediate neighborhood, and Prospect Park is not far off, so that it is fair to assume the land will never be needed for purposes of amusement. The other important feature of the report refers to financial matters. Mayor KALBFLEISCH has publicly announced that the Park Commissioners have added to the present debt of the City over $8,000,000. The report claims that the addition to the debt on account of the parks is less than $7,000,000. The report expresses much satisfaction with the consummation of its great task—the completion of a well capable of serving the Park with 1,000,000 of gallons every twenty-four hours. This is regarded as the greatest piece of engineering of the kind in the world.

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MORTON'S GOLD PENS.

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DUNHAM—GILL.—On Wednesday evening, Jan. 19, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Dr. [illegible], grove, pastor of Westminster Church, HENRY [illegible] DUNHAM, Jr., of New-York, to Miss MARY A., eldest daughter of Captain Wm. H. Gill, U. S. A., commanding Schuylkill Arsenal, Philadelphia, Penn.

DIED.

APPLEGATE.—At Toledo, Ohio, on Friday morning, Jan. 21, ELIZABETH M. APPLEGATE, wife of Daniel S. Applegate, aged 32 years.

Her funeral will take place at Trinity M. E. Church, Jersey City, on Monday, Jan. 23, at 1 o'clock. All friends of the family, and of her father, Thomas Lacey, Esq., are invited to attend.

ARCHDEACON.—Suddenly, on Friday, Jan. 21, FANNY ARCHDEACON.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Charles Bolton, No. 46 St. Mark's-place, on Monday, Jan. 24, at 10 A. M.

CORREADELL.—On Thursday evening, Jan. 20, ISELLA, widow of the late Richard Correadell.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Monday, Jan. 24, at 1 o'clock P. M., from the residence of her son-in-law, William Stuart, No. 139 51st-st.

DYMOND.—On Saturday morning, Jan. 22, Rev. WILLIAM DYMOND, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Yorkville.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

DURNIN.—On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1870, PETER DURNIN, in the 32d year of his age.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 194 2d-av., on Monday, Jan. 24, at 2 P. M. The friends of the family, and of his brother Eugene, are invited to attend.

HARDENBERGH.—On Saturday morning, Jan. 22, at his residence in the City, Rev. JAMES B. HARDENBERGH, D. D., in the 70th year of his age.

The funeral services will be held in the Reformed Dutch Church, West 23d-st., between 5th and 6th avs., on Tuesday, 25th inst., at 10 A. M. The clergy of the City and the relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.

KUEN.—At Rome, Italy, on Thursday, Jan. 20, HENRY KUEN, aged 70, from injuries received from a fall from his horse.

KEYES.—On Saturday morning, Jan. 22, MARY A., wife of James F. Keyes, and only daughter of David Babcock, Esq., in the 21st year of her age.

The friends of the family, and also those of her father-in-law, Christopher Keyes, Esq., are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from Fifty-fifth-st. Presbyterian Church, between Lexington and 3d avs., on Monday afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

NORTON.—Suddenly, of heart disease, on Saturday, Jan. 22, PETER NORTON, in the 29th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, and those of his brothers, Michael, Tim and Edward, also of the members of the Michael Norton Association, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 142 Sullivan-st., on Monday, Jan. 24, at 9½ o'clock. His remains will be taken to St. Anthony's Church, Sullivan-st., near Houston, where a requiem mass will be offered up for the repose of his soul, and from thence to Calvary Cemetery.

PEARSON.—On Thursday, Jan. 20, WILLIE, infant son of William E. and Susan A. Pearson, aged 14 months.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services at the residence of his parents, No. 209 Mercer-st., Jersey City, on Sunday, 23d inst., at 3 o'clock P. M. The remains will be taken to Passaic, N. J., for interment.

☞ Providence, R. I., papers please copy.

ROCHE.—In Brooklyn, on Saturday morning, Jan. 22, MARY T., wife of Edward Roche, aged 35 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully requested to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 79 Fort Green-place, at 9 o'clock A. M., on Monday, from thence to the Church of our Lady of Mercy, where a requiem mass will be offered for the repose of her soul, thence to the Cemetery of the Holy Cross for interment.

THROCKMORTON.—On Friday, Jan. 21, at Bergen, N. J., BARBERIE THROCKMORTON, aged 56 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services at St. Paul's Church, Duncan-av., Bergen, at 2½ P. M., on Sunday next. The remains will be taken to Freehold, N. J., on Monday.

WHITE.—Suddenly, on Saturday, Jan. 22, STUART RUCKER, youngest child of C. G. and Mary F. White.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, Madison-av. and 42d-st.—FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASTORAL AID SOCIETY will be held on SUNDAY.

10½ A. M.—Sermon by the Rector, Rev. STEPHEN H. TYNG, Jr.

3½ P. M.—Address by Rev. JOSEPH T. DURYEA, D. D., of Brooklyn.

7½ P. M.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. TYNG, Rector of St. George's Church.

A collection will be made at each service.

ALLEN-ST. METHODIST EPISCOPAL Church, between Rivington and Delancy sts.—Rev. MANSFIELD FRENCH will preach on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M., and Rev. GEORGE LANSING TAYLOR, the Pastor, in the evening, at 7½ o'clock; Young people's prayer meeting at 6 o'clock P. M.; Sunday School at 2½ P. M. and 1½ P. M. Strangers and others are cordially invited; seats free.

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CHAPEL OF THE COLLEGIATE Reformed Dutch Church, corner 7th-av. and 54th-st., Rev. WM. H. CLARKE, Pastor.—Preaching every SABBATH at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Sunday School at 9 A. M. and 2½ P. M.

A BRIGHT SPARKLING LECTURE is that to be delivered by Rev. E. C. SWEETSER in the Bleecker-st. Universalist Church, SUNDAY, under the auspices of the Lee Literary Association. Subject—*Individuality*. Tickets, 50 cents; for sale at the door.

REV. S. A. COREY, D. D., WILL preach in the Murray Hill Baptist Chapel, Lexington-av., near 37th-st., SUNDAY MORNING and EVENING.

AT TAMMANY, SUNDAY EVENING, Rev. GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN preaches on "Old Fogies of Bible." Text—*Better Marry than go to Hell.* St. Paul's Corinthians, vii., 9. Startling disclosures.

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3,000	N. Y. St. 7s, B. L., R.	108⅛	200	do.	b5 85⅛
5,000	N. Y. C. 6s,'83..	89	1100	do.	85⅜
1,000	N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. E.	87	500	do.	85⅜
12,000	Erie 2d M. '78..	89½	800	do.	bet. call 85⅜
2,000	Erie 4th M.	78¼	50	do.	bet. call 159
50	Bank Commerce.	122	1000	Chic. & N. W.	73⅜
5,000	M. So. S.F. 8ds.	77⅜	100	do.	b10 73⅝
1,000	C. & R. I. & P. R. 7s	95½	700	Chi. & N. W. Pf.	89⅜
1,000	C. & M. Cm. Bds.	80	200	do.	89⅝
5,000	M. & S. P. 7 3-10 Conv.	91¼	100	do.	b3 90
9,000	Col., C. & Ind.C. 1st M.	71	100	do.	b10 90
1,000	Col. C. & I. C. 2d M.	63	500	do.	90
1,000	Lake S. Div. B.	89¼	100	do.	bet. call 90
50	Bank Commerce.	122	100	do.	bet. call 90¼
6	do.	122½	100	Mil. & St. Paul.	72⅝
80	Bank of N. Amer.	100	20	Mil. & St. P. Pf.	87
15	Shoe& Leath'r Bk	147½	200	do.	86¾
15	Amer. Ex. Bank	113½	500	do.	86⅝
30	Cent. Nat. Bank	103¼	50	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. Guar	87⅝
5	Fourth N. Bank	101½	100	do.	87¾
5	do.	101¾	100	do.	87¾
4	Tenth Nat. Bk.	102	20	do.	88
46	Nassau Bank	103	150	Chic. & Alt.	145
200	Bnkrs' & Brks' A.	106	100	do.	145¾
5	Continental Bank	98⅛	100	Del., L. & W.	106½
10	Del. & H. Can.	121	150	do.	106¾
70	Cum. C. Pf.	31⅛	500	Col., C. & I. C. R.	16
100	do.	32⅝	48	do.	15½
100	do.	32¾	200	do.	bet. call 16⅛
700	do.	32¾	200	St. Louis & I.M.R	40

SECOND BOARD—12 M.

$3,000	U. S.5s,'81.R..	117⅜	$20,000	U. S.5-20 C.,'65, new	b5.x 114
500	U. S.5-20 C.,'65.	114	5,000	do.	c 114
1,500	U.S.5-20C.,'67.	114⅛			
75,000	do.	b3 114⅛			

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000	Tenn. 6s, ex c.	56	100	N. Y. C. & H. R.	93⅛
20,000	Tenn. St. 6s, n.	49	200	do.	b3 93⅛
10,000	Va. St. 6s, new.	55	200	do.	bet. call 93⅛
10,000	Vir. St. 6s, new.	61	200	do.	bet. call 93⅜
500	Ga. St. 6s.	82	100	do.	b3 93⅜
10,000	N. Car. St. 6s.	42½	100	do.	b10 93⅜
15,000	do.	42¾	100	do.	93⅜
15,000	N. C. St. 6s, n.	24⅝	60000	N. Y. Cen. & H. R. Cliffs.	88
9,000	do.	24⅝			
1,000	S. Car. St., n.	76	20000	do.	bet.call 88⅛
1,000	Mo. St. 6s.	87⅜	10000	do.	88⅛
10,000	La. 6s, Lev. B.	66	40000	do.	88⅜
1,000	Col., C. & Ind.C. 1st M.	70½	20	Panama R.	162
2,000	do.	70	200	Clev. & Pitts.	90⅞
5,000	St. L. & I.M. 1st M. bds.	53	200	do.	b30 91¼
1,000	M. & S. P. 7 3-10 Conv.	91¾	525	Chic. & N. W.	73⅛
80	Merchants' Bank	121	560	do.	73⅜
600	Cum. C. Pf.	33⅛	500	do.	bet. c. 73⅜
300	do.	33¼	100	Chi. & N.W. Pf.	90⅜
300	do.	bet. c. 91¼	700	do.	90⅝
600	Canton Co.	55	500	do.	91
100	do.	55⅛	100	N. J. Cen.	99⅜
100	do.	b30 55⅜	100	Mil.& St. Paul Pf.	86¾
100	do.	b30 55⅜	400	Del., Lac.& W.R.	106
100	Pacific M.	bet.c. 41⅜	200	Alt. & T. H.	22⅜
100	W. U. Tel.	33⅛	100	do.	bet.c. 22⅜
100	Quicksilver	13½	100	Tol., W. & W.	54⅛
100	Boston W. P.	16⅜	200	do.	55
100	do.	b60 17	30	do.	bet.c. 55
100	A. M. U. Ex.	38⅛	84	Morris & Essex	86
10	Wells-Far. Ex.	64⅜	100	Pa. Pf. W. & Chi.	
100	U. S. Ex.	bet.c. 55		Guaran'd.	87⅞
100	do.	55⅜	100	do.	87¾
100	do.	55¾	100	Ohio & Miss. R.	25⅝
100	do.	56	100	do.	b3 28
300	L. S. & M. So. R.	85¼	100	H. & St. J. Pf.	112
400	do.	85⅜	300	Col.,C. & I. C.R.	17
10	do.	86⅛	200	do.	16¾
200	do.	bet. call 85⅜	10	Dub. & S. C. R.	109¼

NEW NATIONAL BOARD—NOON.

100	Marmora	8½	200	Chic. & N.W.	83 72⅞
200	do.	8¾	200	do.	83 73
100	W. U. Tel.	33⅜	150	Erie.	b3 23⅛
500	Reading	94⅛	500	do.	23⅝
200	L. S. & M. S. R.	85¾	100	do.	b10 23⅞
2200	Rock Island	105⅜	87	Canada M. Co.	35
200	do.	83 105⅜	100	do.	36
1000	do.	850 104⅜	100	do.	b3 35
2500	do.	105	100	do.	b30 32
500	do.	83 105	500	do.	32
1100	do.	b3 105	100	do.	30
400	do.	83 104⅞			

SATURDAY, Jan. 22—P. M.

The average sales of Gold were a fraction higher than on Friday, 120½@120¾@120½@120⅝@120¾ ℔ cent. The market was free from excitement, but the inclination, if anything, was in the upward direction. The Customs demand of the day was nearly $700,000, which may have had some influence. The Foreign Exchanges continued firm, and London left off 108⅜@109 ℔ cent., 60 days, and Paris, f.5.19¾@f.5.18¾ to the dollar. The Banks show a further increase in their Gold average of $1,943,356, and in Greenbacks, $2,370,958. The general line of Deposits is up $5,083,492, *making nearly thirty millions since the New-Year.* The Banks add $491,650 to their Loans and Discounts on the present statement, and it is believed that their accumulation of National Bank Notes since last Monday is at least equal to their increase in Greenbacks. The Treasury Office received for Customs during the week $2,875,495, and paid out $2,346,770 Gold Interest on the Public Debt.

The Stock Exchange was generally stronger than on Friday. The exclusion of Rock Island Stock from the official dealings created less effect on the general market than the action of the Exchange Board on Friday Afternoon threatened. The Stock itself was exclusively dealt in on the Street and the price advanced to 105¼ ℔ cent., but without reference to this peculiar movement there was a pretty general advance on the New-York and Western Roads, and a large business done in Northwest Preferred, New-York Central and Scrip, Lake Shore, &c. The Public Funds of the United States were also higher, and the 5-20s of 1867, which govern the market, advanced from 114 to 114⅝ ℔ cent. The Funds are advanced on the growing and very decided ease in the Money Market and the Bank movement, and speculation in the Railways is promoted by the same cause, even against reported light traffic on the Western lines. In the Miscellaneous Shares there is more business doing in Cumberland, Canton, United States Express, Adams Express and Quicksilver.

After the Boards adjourned, the following quotations were made as compared with Friday night:

CLOSING QUOTATIONS, JAN. 22.

	Friday.	Saturday.
United States 10-40s	112⅜	112¾
United States 5-20s of 1862	115⅜	115⅜
United States 5-20s of 1867	114	114⅝
American Gold Coin	120¾	120¾
Bills on London, 60 days	109	109
New Bonds of Tennessee	49⅜	49
North Carolina Bonds, new	24¾	24⅜
New-York Central and Hudson	92⅝	94
N.Y. C. and H. Debt Certificates	87⅝	88⅜
Reading Railroad	94¼	94⅜
Chicago and Rock Island	103⅞	106¼
Northwestern Common	73½	73⅜
Northwestern Preferred	88⅛	90⅜
Pacific Mail Company	41⅜	41¾
St. Paul Preferred	86⅜	87¼
St. Paul Common	72½	73¼
Lake Shore	84⅝	85⅛
Erie	23¾	23¾
Ohio and Mississippi	25¾	26
New-Jersey Central	99¼	98⅛

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States:

6 ℔ cent. reg'd, 1881	117⅛
6 ℔ cent. coup., 1881	118
5-20 registered, 1862	114⅜
5-20 coupons, 1862	115⅛
5-20 coupons, 1865	114⅜
5-20 coupons, 1865	114¾
5-20 coup., n. i., 1865	114⅛
5-20 coupons, 1867	114⅝
5-20 coupons, 1868	114⅛
10-40 registered	111⅝
10-40 coupon	112¼
6's Currency	110⅜

And the following for the State Bonds:

Tennessee 6s, ex coup.	56
Tennessee 6s, N. B.	49
Virginia 6s, ex coup.	54⅛
Virginia 6s, N. B.	51
Georgia 6s	81
N. Carolina 6s	40⅛
N. Carolina 6s, N. B.	24⅛
S. Carolina 6s	79
S. Carolina 6s, N. B.	76½
S. Car. 6s, April & Oct	78½
Missouri 6s	87⅛
Louisiana 6s, L. B.	64⅛
Connecticut 6s	98
Rhode Island 6s	96
Alabama 5s	63
Alabama 8s	94
Ohio 6 ℔ cent., 1878	96
Ohio 6 ℔ cent., 1881	100
Ohio 6 ℔ cent., 1886	100
Indiana 5 ℔ cent.	x 97
N. Y. Reg. B'y Loan	108
N. Y. Coup. B'y Loan	108
N. Y. 7s, Canal L., '70	101

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83	89
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87	87⅞
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est.	87
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub'rn.	87
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	100
Erie 1st Ext.	93
Erie 7s, 2d ind., '79	89½
Erie 7s, 4th ind., '80	79⅜
Erie 7s, 6th ind., '86	73⅛
Buff., N. Y. & E. 1st, '77	83
Hud. R. 7s, 1st, '69-70	101
Hud. R. 7s, 2d & 3d, '66, '69	102
Hud. R. 7s, 3d, '75	100
Harlem 1st	98
Mich. Cen. 1st 8s, '72	117
Chic., B. & Q. 8 ℔ cent. 1st	105⅛
Mich. So. 7 ℔ c. 2d	94
M. So. & N. I. S. F. 7 ℔c.	97⅛
Pac. R. 7s, guar. by Mo.	91
Gt. West. 2d, '93	77
Quin. & Tol. 1st, '90	75
Ill. & So. Iowa 1st	70
Gal. & Chic. Ext.	89
Gal. & Chic. 2d	91
Chic., R. I. & Pac.	95⅛
Morris & Essex 1st	99
Morris & Essex 2d	95
Clev. & Tol. S. F.	96
N. J. Cen. New B'ds	86
Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 2d	94
Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 3d	86
Clev. & Pitts. 2d	98
Clev. & Pitts. 4th	72½
Chic. & Alton 1st	99
Chic. & Alton 2d	87⅜
Ohio & Miss. 1st	93
Ohio & Miss. Cons'd.	79
Dub. & Sioux C. 1st	92

Cen. Pac. Bonds | 71⅛
Union Pac. 1st Bonds, 81
Alton & T. H. 1st | 92
Alton & T. H. 2d Ind. | 81
Alton & T. H. 2d Ind. | 73
Chic. & N. W. S. F. | 93
Chic. & N. W. Ex'nBs. | 85
Chic. & N. W. 1st | 93
Chic. & N. W. sinking fund | 87
Han. & St. Jo. I. C'ts. | 106
Lack. & West. Bonds. | 96
Tol. & Wab. 1st Ext. | 90
Tol. & Wab. Equip. Bs | 73¼
Tol., Peo. & W., W. D. | 79

Peninsula R. Bonds | 70
St. L. & Iron Mt. Bs. | 82⅞
Mil. & St. Paul 1st | 104
Mil. & St. P. 1st 7 3-10 | 91¾
Mil. & St. Paul 1st | 88
Mil. & St. P. I. & M. | 82
Mar. & Cin. 1st | 87
Chic. & Mil. 1st | 87
Col., C. & Ind. 1st | 70¼
Col., C. & Ind. 2d | 63
N. Y. & N. H. 8s | 95
Tol., Peo. & W., E.D. | 80
Tol., Peo. & W., W.D. | 79

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	182	Fast River	104
Manhattan	143	Nassau	103
Merchants'	120	Shoe and Leather	147⅛
Union	125	Continental	96
America	143	St. Nicholas	118
City	210	Commonwealth	109
Phenix	108	Importers' & Traders'	136
North River	95	Park	160⅛
Tradesmen's	153	Central National	106
American Exchange	112	Fourth National	101
Bank of the Republic	120	Ninth National	107⅛
Bank of N. America	100	Tenth National	108⅛
Irving	112	Oriental	150
Metropolitan	134	B'kr's & Brokrs' Ass.	105⅛

The following is the report of specie exported from the Port of New-York for the week ending Jan. 22, 1870:

Jan. 17	Brig Spring Bird, Maracaibo— American gold	$10,000
Jan. 20	Steamship Eagle, Havana— American gold	70
	Spanish gold	202,400
Jan. 21	Steamship Alaska, Aspinwall— American silver	7,973
	American gold	15,226
Jan. 22	Steamship Lafayette, Havre— Gold bars	76,509
	Silver bars	30,000
	Foreign coin	12,000
Jan. 22	Brig Nellie Gay, Maracaibo— American gold	20,000
Jan. 22	Steamship Union, Paris— Mexican dollars	7,700
Jan. 22	Steamship Union, London— Mexican dollars	157,150
	Silver bars	61,000
Total		$600,068

The week's imports of foreign Dry Goods have been to the specie value of $1,917,159, and the amount marketed, $1,774,132.

The aggregate amount of imports (other than Dry Goods and Specie) at the Port of New-York for the week ending Jan. 21, 1870, was $3,129,245.

UNITED STATES CURRENCY OUTSTANDING, JAN. 20.

United States notes, old issue	$110,258
United States notes, new issue	356,000,000
United States notes, issue of 1863	
One-year ℔ cent. notes	$177,957 00
Two-year 5 ℔ cent. notes	64,502 50
Two-year 5 ℔ cent. comp. notes	38,902 50
Compound interest notes	281,062
Fractional currency, first issue	4,534,938 62
Fractional currency, second iss.	2,467,560
Fractional currency, third issue	3,458,199 31
Fractional currency, fourth iss.	15,936,700 00
Fractional currency, fourth iss.	16,048,213 75
Total	$398,807,932

The *Alta California* of Jan. 13, says:

"The demand for money for duties has been as follows, comparatively:

Jan. 3	$70,092 83	Jan. 8	$12,397 37
Jan. 4	25,788 31	Jan. 10	14,067 38
Jan. 5	36,788 36	Jan. 11	9,291 10
Jan. 6	26,100 91	Jan. 12	6,559 37
Jan. 7	12,909 18		
Total, Jan. 1 to 13			$163,992 79
Same period 1869			162,153 43
Same period 1868			102,255 92

There has been a fair supply of bullion, but it has been restricted in this State for the want of water in the quartz range. Some of the most productive mines have given a short yield, for the reason that water has not been in sufficient supply. The demand for remittance has not been active.

The shipment of ℔ecie has been as follows:

	1869.	1870.
To New-York per railroad	$470,893 00	$321,862 58
New-York per steamer	278,606 50	265,287 08
England		
Panama	15,000 00	15,000 00
Total	$764,499 50	$602,249 66
China	$571,701 21	$655,410 20
Japan	181,593 28	37,086 00
Total	$1,517,793 99	$1,295,225 86

The exports per rail have been large, and mostly gold coin, of which $199,609 has gone by that route since Jan. 1; also, $72,962 58 gold bars, and $49,900 silver bars, comparatively as follows:

	China, &c.	Steamer.	Rail.	Total.
Gold bars	$46,690 43	$125,067 81	$72,362 58	$237,920 82
Silver bars	195,621 17	260,329 27	49,900 00	475,840 44
Gold coin	50,520 00	15,000 00	159,600 00	225,120 00
Mex. dollars	426,744 40	.....	.....	426,744 40
Gold dust	100 00	.....	.....	100 00
Total	$793,076 20	$870,387 08	$321,862 58	$1,485,225 86

As compared with last year, the bullion shipment is $237,920 82, against $504,145 89; silver bars $475,840 44, against $582,012 53, and coin $265,-120, against $143,413 55.

The exports of merchandise and treasure together have been comparatively as follows:

	1869.	1870.
Merchandise	$843,907 00	$402,526 00
Specie, mercantile account	1,517,793 99	1,295,225 86
Treasury movement	162,153 41	163,992 79
Total exports	$2,523,914 40	$2,041,738 65

There has been a considerable and progressive decline in exports, it appears, but there has, notwithstanding this decline in the export of merchandise, been a continued increase in the export of coin, showing that, by reason of continued large exports of goods beyond the wants of the community, we continue to be drained of circulating coin to pay for them.

MESSRS. JOHN BINGHAM & Co., in their Liverpool circular of Jan. 7, remark:

"The arrivals foreign for the last three days embrace only moderate supplies of Wheat, Maize and sack and barrel Flour; while those from Ireland and coastwise show extremely small receipts of Oats and Oatmeal. The return of exports for the same period seems to indicate a rather better inquiry for shipments of Wheat and Maize. Since Tuesday the tone of the Grain trade has been quiet, and but little doing in Wheat, lower qualities of which are a little easier to buy, better descriptions fully maintaining their recent prices. Maize in moderate consumptive demand, at prices ranging a shade under those of last market day. Flour unchanged. The weather for the past few days has been extremely mild, with occasional showers of rain. At to-day's market there was only a small attendance of buyers, and the transactions in Wheat were of a most limited nature, being mostly effected at a reduction of 2d. ℔ cental on the rates quoted on Tuesday last. Flour was also extremely dull of sale, and we must quote a decline of 6d. ℔ sack and barrel. Oats and Oatmeal—In the total absence of sales, prices continue merely nominal. Egyptian Beans met with but small inquiry, and were sold at prices about 3d. ℔ quarter in buyers' favor. Canadian Peas in very small request at former currencies. Grinding Barley slightly easier. Malting Barley and Malt dull and unchanged. Cakes still in good demand. Indian Corn was in very limited request at about 3d. ℔ quarter under recent quotations."

The receipts from operations of the Fitchburg Railroad for the years ending Nov. 30, 1868 and 1869, as reported by the *American Railroad Journal*, were as follows:

	1868.	1869.
From passengers	$447,610 83	$485,246 70
From freight	693,592 54	726,796 24
From mails	10,000 00	10,000 00
From rents	8,134 79	14,188 59
From interest	32,130 44	21,394 08
From expresses	17,790 81	22,968 21
Total	$1,155,259 32	$1,290,593 32
Expenses, viz.:		
Repairs of road	$181,666 62	$187,322 40
Repairs of locomotives	63,153 31	95,233 38
Repairs of structures	68,680 92	68,916 29
Repairs of bridges	22,644 84	32,803 83
Repairs of cars	87,934 75	102,542 83
Fuel	90,221 03	96,731 26
Oil and waste	9,254 26	11,892 55
Freight expenses	105,447 42	129,484 93
Passenger expenses	57,264 45	80,961 71
Switchmen, &c.	19,457 83	22,272 42
Removing ice and snow	4,166 30	3,354 60
Taxes and insurance	72,530 25	82,876 88
Gratuities and damages	6,636 70	16,866 81
Salaries and office exp's	21,910 02	17,455 17
Totals	$810,958 70	$948,714 06
Net earnings	344,300 62	341,879 26

Compared with the previous year the gross earnings show an increase of $135,334 50, with an increase in expenses of $137,755 36, making the decrease in net earnings $2,490 86.

Trial Balance, Nov. 30, 1869.

Construction	$3,540,000 00
Cash and cash funds	153,407 45
Notes receivable	194,826 54
Fuel	30,747 50
Stock materials	62,633 38
Real estate	206,563 09
United States, for mail service	1,188 45
Total	$4,179,365 41
Capital stock	$3,540,000 00
Profit and loss	547,050 44
Receipts from passengers	1,537 94
Receipts from freights	81,169 29
Unclaimed dividends	3,612 00
Unclaimed State tax	2 81
Total	$4,173,365 41

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The editors of the New-York *Shipping & Commercial List*, in their annual review of the Naval Store trade for 1869, remark:

"The business of producing the last year has been less satisfactory than for several years past, prices having ranged lower than any year during the last ten. In 1868 and 1867, it was alleged that the business did not pay producers a living profit, and wages being probably no lower than then, the margin left for profit in 1869 must have been very narrow. The most noticeable features are the large increase in the receipts of Resin and Tar, the large increase in the amount of these articles exported, over 1868, and the greatly increased amount taken for consumption. The quantity of these taken for consumption is nearly 50 ℔ cent. more than in 1868, but of Spirits Turpentine there was less, for particulars of which see tables.

The shipments of Spirits Turpentine from Wilmington, N. C., direct to foreign ports, were nearly double those of the previous year, as follows:

To	1869. Bbls.	1868. Bbls.
London	20,193	18,713
Liverpool	16,076	13,085
Falmouth	3,001	.....
Bristol	2,200	2,297
Glasgow	.....	300
Cork, &c.	8,034	.....
Antwerp	3,630	.....
Rotterdam	3,482	.....
Amsterdam	.....	203
Christiana, Norway	1,500	.....
Other Ports	2	73
Total foreign	64,097	34,672
Total foreign, 1867		34,670
Total foreign, 1868		7,929
Total foreign and coastwise in 1869		118,182
Total foreign and coastwise in 1868		94,918
Total foreign and coastwise in 1867		89,974
Total foreign and coastwise in 1866		87,007

Crude Turpentine, which was once so important an article of export from the port of New-York to England, has of late years scarcely been mentioned in that direction. In the year 1854, there was exported from New-York over 135,000 barrels, and from that time to 1859 (including the latter year) the amount exported ranged from 78,000 to 97,000 barrels, falling to 54,000 barrels in 1860, and to 19,500 barrels in 1861, when they almost wholly ceased, the supply being nearly cut off by the war. In 1865, there was none exported; in 1866, 16 barrels; in 1864, 619 barrels; in 1865, 4,863 barrels; in 1866, 13,896 barrels; in 1867, 827 barrels; in 1868, 704 barrels, and in 1869, 785 barrels, exclusive of that shipped to Canada. The receipts, which were 96,700 barrels in 1859, and 60,800 in 1860, fell to 32,100 in 1861, 2,100 in 1862, and 3,700 in 1863. In 1864 the receipts were increased to 4,750 barrels, 26,700 in 1865, and 32,250 in 1866. In 1867 there were received 11,400 barrels, 1868 about the same, (11,100 barrels,) and in 1869 12,303 barrels, nearly the whole product of the pine tree being distilled in the South. Quotations are quite nominal, but few sales having been made during the year to local distillers. The first lot of Virgin Dip (15 barrels) was received at Wilmington March 26, and brought $5 per barrel. Canada took 1,942 barrels through this port during the year. *Spirits Turpentine*—The receipts at this port the past year are about the same as in the year 1868, but there has been as no time so great a scarcity as for a few days during the year 1868, when there was not a barrel in yard, and so long as there is any in the South, such a state of things can hardly occur again, the telegraph and steamer uniting to prevent a dearth of any article so near at hand. The quantity taken for export in 1869 slightly exceeds that of 1868, but is nevertheless 40 ℔ cent. behind 1867, as will be seen by a glance at our tables. The whole range of prices in 1869 is 41½c.@59c., being 1c. higher on the lowest, and 21c. lower on the highest quotations of 1868—the average price of the past year was 6c. ℔ gallon less than in 1868, making a total loss of more than $130,000 on the quantity received at New-York alone, as compared with the average price of 1868. *Resins*—The receipts in 1869 were largely in advance of 1868, and greater than any year since 1860. Strained have been in large demand for export the past year, the quantity shipped being considerably in excess of the year 1868, for the good reason, probably, that prices ranged much lower—indeed, there would seem to be no limit (anywhere in the range of our ability to supply) to the wants of Europe for this and other grades, at anything like low prices. In this respect, shippers have had great inducements, the highest monthly average of Common to Good Strained during the year ($2 61) being much below the average of the whole year 1868, ($2 94,) while the lowest monthly average of the past year ($2 07) falls below the lowest monthly average of 1868 some 36 cents—the average price of the year for Strained (or Strained to Common to Good) is $2 38, against $2 94 in 1868. Strictly Common and Black sold throughout the year about 5 cents below Common Strained, though there is very little of that description now made, whereas a few years ago the bulk of that received here was of this grade, it is now rare to be said to have any grade. Little can be said concerning the higher grades. No. 2 followed the course of Strained; No. 1 and Pale ranged about the same as last year, and Extra Pale and Window Glass ranged a trifle higher, though little can be promised of the quotations of these descriptions, the grades being made more by the prices than the prices by the grades, the best that happens to be in the market being classed as Pale and Extra Pale, when they might not be called better than No. 1, in the presence of samples of really Pale and Extra Pale. Some very fine samples of Water Pale brought fancy prices, early in the year, however, the quantity of this description made is always very small, and no criterion of the market. *Tar*—The receipts of the past year are 10,000 bbls. in excess of any year since 1855, and the consumption has kept pace with the supply, this article being now used largely in street paving. The average price of the year, however, is lower than for several years past, and producers declare that present quotations leave no margin for profit. In this view of the case, there will probably be less made the coming year, unless a foreign demand should stimulate prices, and consequently the production.

Statistics of the Trade of New-York.

	Turpentine. Bbls.	Sp. Turpentine. Bbls.	Resins. Bbls.	Tar. Bbls.
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1869	881	3,856	94,919	5,817
Add received in 1869..12,303	64,994	550,000	71,016	
Total supply	13,184	68,850	645,719	76,833
Deduct export in 1869.*2,754	17,810	458,357	35,555	
	10,430	50,570	187,362	41,338
Deduct stock Jan. 1, 70.	52	5,677	51,025	9,065

Taken from New-York for Consumption.

	Bbls.	Bbls.	Bbls.	Bbls.
1869	10,378	45,193	136,137	32,273
1868	10,901	46,180	69,441	23,606
1867	10,790	35,184	98,578	23,485
1866	10,731	38,936	84,942	22,740
1865	19,295	17,784	74,139	17,462
1864	6,061	6,217	12,022	24,882
1863	4,353	8,220	14,253	15,575
1862	2,411	20,816	46,700	11,401
1861	19,372	34,150	55,500	17,488

*Including, 1,942 bbls. to Canada.

THE LANE-TAYLOR CASE

A Singular Friend of High Officials—Remarkable Development of Female Power.

Commissioner MANIERRE yesterday continued the taking of testimouy in the case of FRANK B. LANE, of the Fifteenth Precinct, charged by LIDA TAYLOR with raising her vail when she was going home through Sixth-avenue, and with fliegally arresting her. The woman gave her testimony on Tuesday last, and when the case was called up yesterday, she not being present, counsel for LANE asked an adjournment in order to secure her presence, in order that she might be cross-examined. This Commissioner MANIERRE positively refused, and thus spared the complainant the annoyance of being subjected to a searching after truth. The counsel was therefore compelled to make such defence as he was able, and called Officer Riordan, of the Fifteenth Precinct, who deposed that on the night of the arrest he was on duty in Washington-square, and saw Lane taking the woman to the Station House; hearing her speak quite loudly he asked Lane who she was; Lane answered, "a woman who is in the habit of traveling my post;" the woman shouted out the names, "You're a liar," to which Lane only replied, "You're a lady;" Lane, a moment after told her to walk on the flag pavement in front of him, to which she answered. "None of you're d—d business; I'll walk where I please; I know all the Police Commissioners and some of the Judges, and I'll break you."

David R. Adamson, private watchman, was sworn and testified that he was in company with Lane about one o'clock on the morning of Dec. 23, when the woman Lida Taylor passed them; she turned back and demanded Lane's number; he did not see Lane raise her vail, but has several times seen Lida passing up and down Sixth-avenue at late hours of the night.

Lane was sworn in his own behalf, and testified that after the woman, Lida Taylor, had passed him she came back and demanded his number, which he gave her, and asked who she was and what she wanted it for; she appeared to be under the influence of liquor and talking wildly about her friends, threatened to break him; Lane advised her to go home, and said if she did not he would arrest her; instead of doing so she rushed upon him, seized him by the beard, which she pulled violently; he then put his hand upon her arm, saying "You are my prisoner," when she broke away, using very profane language; he did arrest her and took her to the Station House, where she was very much excited, and was locked up. In the morning he took her to Court before Justice Dodge, who told her she deserved punishment, but he thought being locked up all night was enough, and discharged her with an admonition to treat officers more respectfully in the future. On cross-examination Lane adhered to these statements, and, in addition, denied that he told her landlord that she was a bad character, but admitted that he had told him that she had been arrested for disorderly conduct.

At this point the case was further adjourned until Monday next, to procure the attendance of Sergeant HOLBOON of the Fifteenth Precinct, who locked up the woman of the powerful friends. It is said that she is the daughter of a high official, and she is certainly indorsed by some mighty magnates of this City as a "perfect lady."

Star Chamber Practice and Counter Orders.

By the following order adopted by the Judges of the Supreme Court, (at the suggestion of Judge BRADY, it is understood,) the practice of granting orders and hearing motions by the Judges promiscuously, is to be discontinued.

FINANCIAL.

IOWA FARMS.

The Des Moines Valley Railroad Company will shortly bring into market

466,000 ACRES

of choice lands in the State of Iowa, mostly lying in and along the Des Moines Valley. Agents for colonies and all others, desiring to secure good lands, can communicate with the undersigned at the Company's office, No. 19 Broad-st., and with A. BRIDGMAN, Secretary of the Company, at Keokuk, Iowa. Long credits given to actual settlers. The Land Grant Bonds of the Company will be received at par in payment for lands sold.

D. W. KILBOURNE,
PRESIDENT DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD,
NO. 19 BROAD-ST.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD

OF NEW-YORK.

FIRST MORTGAGE

THIRTY-YEAR SEVEN PER CENT.
CONVERTIBLE SINKING FUND BONDS.
FOR SALE BY

VERMILYE & CO.,
BANKERS,
NOS. 16 AND 18 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.

Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw RAILWAY COMPANY

EIGHT PER CENT.

CONVERTIBLE EQUIPMENT BONDS,

SECURED BY

SINKING FUND.

The undersigned offer for sale a limited amount of the above-named Bonds, at 72½, interest payable 1st of January and 1st July.

These Bonds have only 10 years to run, are convertible at any time into the common stock of the Company, and are secured by a sinking fund of $72,000 per annum, six Bonds to be drawn by lot, monthly, commencing August, 1870.

As an additional security, the faith of the Company and of its Board of Directors in their individual capacity is pledged that no further bonds or liens shall be made by the Company, until the said issue of Bonds shall be converted into a mortgage bond of the Company, which this Company agree to do, as soon as legislative authority can be obtained for this purpose.

Any further information desired will be furnished at the office of

JACQUELIN & DE COPPET,
NO. 18 NEW-ST.,
NEW-YORK.

FOR SALE,

EIGHT AND TEN PER CENT.
CITY AND COUNTY BONDS,
STATES OF ILLINOIS AND MISSOURI.

ALL OF A HIGH ORDER AND FIRST-CLASS SECURITIES OF UNDOUBTED CHARACTER. INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAYABLE IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, and SUITABLE FOR PERMANENT, SAFE AND PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS. FOR SALE AT A REDUCTION BELOW PAR, RESERVING THE RIGHT OF ADVANCING THE PRICE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE AT THE BEST RATES, AND BONDS PURCHASED BY OUT OF TOWN RESIDENTS SENT BY EXPRESS FREE OF CHARGE.

I TAKE PLEASURE IN RECOMMENDING THESE BONDS WITH THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE, HAVING FULLY INVESTIGATED THEIR MERITS, BELIEVING THEM TO BE IN POINT OF SECURITIES EQUAL TO ANY OTHER IN THE MARKET.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
STOCK BROKER AND AUCTIONEER,
NO. 42 PINE-ST.

Also, NEW-YORK CITY RAILROAD STOCKS AND BONDS, Insurance, Bank and Gaslight Stocks, and a large variety of other securities, paying good rate of interest and dividends, for investments at low rates.

N. B.—All securities not dealt in at the New-York Stock Exchange Boards receive special attention, as has been the custom with this house for many years.

$24,086

NYAC

Shares sold yesterday. Several of the agencies sold all that was placed in their hands before noon.

DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO.,
NO. 18 WALL-ST.,
Issue letters of credit for
TRAVELERS,
Available in all the principal cities of Europe, through

DREXEL, HARJES & CO.,
NO. 3 RUE SCRIBE,
PARIS.

BOWLES BROTHERS & CO.,
BANKERS,
Paris, No. 12 Rue de la Paix; New-York, No. 19 William-st.; Boston, No. 76 State-st.
Issue bills on Paris and the Union Bank of London in sums to suit, also circular letters of credit for travelers, available throughout the world. Letters for their care for travelers registered on receipt and delivery.
Agents for the *Times* in Europe.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
Issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

CITY SEVEN PER CENT. STOCK,
ABOUT TWENTY YEARS TO RUN.
Transferable in multiples of $100.
FOR SALE.
GEO. K. SIRTARE, No. 24 Nassau-st.

OFFICE OF WELLS FARGO & COMPANY, }
No. 84 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1869. }

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the transfer books of Wells, Fargo & Company will be closed on the 19th day of January, 1870, at 3 o'clock P. M., preparatory to ascertaining who are owners of the stock of the old Ten Million Capital. The owners of that stock will be entitled to participate in the distribution of assets provided for by the agreement with the Pacific Express Company.

The transfer books will be opened on the 22d day of January, at 10 o'clock A. M., after which time the $5,000,000 new stock will be delivered.

Notice is also given that the transfer books of this Company will be closed on the 25th day of January, 1870, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of holding the annual election for Directors of this Company. The books will be reopened on the 7th day of February, at 10 o'clock A. M. GEORGE K. OTIS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE WILKES BARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY, }
No. 80 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1870. }

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Wilkes Barre Coal and Iron Company, for the election of Directors and transaction of such other business as may be presented, will be held at the office of the Company at Wilkes Barre, Penn., on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26, at 11 o'clock A. M. The polls will close at 1 o'clock P. M.

Transfer books will be closed from the 18th to the 27th inst., both days inclusive.

By order,
S. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary, pro tem.

A MEETING OF THE BONDHOLDERS and stockholders of the Dubuque Southwestern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 12 Pine-st., on TUESDAY, 25th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

By order, J. P. FARLEY, President.

WANTED—TO BORROW $20,000 ON WESTern real estate; first-class security given. Ten per cent. interest. Apply to J. Q. HOLCOMB, No. 59 Taylor-st., Brooklyn; also WELLS PHILLIPS, No. 84 Warren-st., New-York.

$600,000 TRUST FUNDS TO loan in sums to suit at Seven per Cent. on Real Estate. First and second mortgages wanted. P. HASTINGS, No. 48 Broad-st.

$50,000 TO LOAN ON FIRST mortgages in sums of $3,000, $4,000 and $5,000. First mortgages bought.
T. S. SHEPHERD, No. 205 Broadway.

BANK STOCK FOR SALE.—FIFTY thousand dollars of the Union-square National Bank stock, in sums to suit, below par. Apply to HENRY HONIG, No. 7 Pine-st.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE ADRIATIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 187 BROADWAY.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1870.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 17th inst.
CHARLES D. HABTSHORNE,
Secretary.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, }
No. 73 BROADWAY, CORNER OF RECTOR-ST., }
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1870. }

THE UNION TRUST COMPANY OF New-York have declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., free from Government tax, payable on demand.
C. T. CARLTON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NIAGARA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 12 WALL-ST., }
NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1870. }

THE DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a Dividend of Five (5) per Cent. on the capital stock for the last six months, payable on demand, free of Government tax.
H. KIP, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

EIGHTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.
OFFICE OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 123 Broadway, New-York.

Cash capital.....$500,000 00
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1870.....202,871 28

The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.
F. H. CARTER, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1870.

THIRTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.
OFFICE OF THE IRVING FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, }
NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1870. }

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Seven per Cent. and the Government tax, payable on demand.
JAMES M. WILSON, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, }
OFFICE No. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST., }
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22, 1869. }

DIVIDEND NOTICE.
The transfer books of this Company will be closed on FRIDAY, the 31st inst., and reopened on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870.

A Dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the preferred and common stock, clear of national and State taxes, payable in cash on and after Jan. 17, 1870, to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on the 31st inst.

All payable at this office. All orders for dividends must be witnessed and stamped.
S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY. }
NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1869. }

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE DIRECTORS of this Company have THIS DAY declared a Dividend of Four per Cent., payable, free of Government tax, on the 1st day of February next, at the office of the Union Trust Company of New-York.

The transfer books will be opened on the 20th day of December inst., at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of New-York, and be closed on the 15th day of January, at the close of business, and be reopened on the 2d day of February next.
JAMES H. BANKER, Treasurer.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY, }
CLEVELAND, OHIO, Jan. 14, 1870. }

A DIVIDEND OF THREE AND A half per cent. has been declared by this Company, payable on and after Feb. 1 next, free of United States tax. New-York stockholders will be paid at the office of the United States Trust Company, No. 49 Wall-st.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of 15th inst. until Feb. 2.

By order of the Board of Directors.
GEO. H. RUSSELL, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MUTUAL (MARINE) INSURANCE COMPANY, HOWARD BUILDING, NO. 176 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1870. }

A SCRIP DIVIDEND OF THIRTY- five per cent., free of Government tax, on the business of the past year, has been declared, for which certificates will be issued April 5.

Six per cent. interest on all outstanding scrip will be paid on and after Feb. 1, at which date also the outstanding certificates of this Company, of the issue of 1865, will be redeemed in cash.
THOMAS HALE, Secretary.

ROCKFORD, ROCK ISLAND AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY, }
TREASURER'S OFFICE, No. 12 WALL-ST., }
NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1869. }

THE COUPONS FROM THE BONDS of the Rockford, Rock Island and St. Louis Railroad Company maturing Feb. 1, 1870, will be paid on and after that day at the office of the Company, No. 12 Wall-st.

Holders willing to make a rebate of 6 per cent. per annum will be paid on demand from this date.
H. H. BOODY, Treasurer.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY, }
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, }
CLEVELAND, Jan. 13, 1870. }

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have this day declared a Dividend of Two and one-half per Cent., free of Government tax, upon the capital stock, payable on the 29 h inst. and for thirty days thereafter, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company in New-York and afterwards at the office of the Company in Cleveland.

The transfer books will close on the 17th inst. and reopen on the 31st inst.
GEO. A. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

ARE YOU INSURED?

OFFICE OF THE RUTGERS FIRE INSURANCE CO., }
JUNCTION OF CHATHAM-SQUARE, }
WORTH AND MOTT STS., }
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1870. }

THIRTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors has declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Eight per Cent., payable Feb. 1. Transfer books closed from Jan. 24 to Feb. 1.
JOSEPH W. DUGLISS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE & HUDSON CANAL CO., }
No. 7 NASSAU-ST., (Continental Bank Building.) }
NEW-YORK, Jan. 17, 1870. }

THE MANAGERS OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on the 1st day of February next at the National Bank of Commerce, in New-York.

The transfer book will be closed on the 18th inst., at the close of business, and will be reopened on the 2d day of February next.
CHARLES P. HARTT, Treasurer.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.
Cash Capital, $250,000, Net Cash Surplus, $202,982.
ASTOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, }
No. 16 WALL-ST., Jan. 12, 1870. }

A Semi-annual Dividend of Eight (8) per Cent., free of all taxes, is this day declared, payable Feb. 1 next.
JAMES YEREANCE, Secretary.

THE HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY, }
TREASURER'S OFFICE, No. 479 WEST 30TH-ST., }
NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1870. }

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE on First Mortgage Bonds of this Company, will be paid at this office on Feb. 1, 1870, after which date interest will cease.

Transfer books will be closed on the 15th inst.
C. C. CLARKE, Treasurer.

THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE Company has this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Eight per Cent. upon its capital, payable to its stockholders or to their legal representatives, on demand.
CYRUS PECK, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1870.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, }
TREASURER'S OFFICE, No. 111 LIBERTY-ST., }
NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1870. }

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of this Company have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, payable on and after 1st of February prox.

The transfer books will remain closed until 21 of February.
H. J. SOUTHMAYD, Treas.

OFFICE OF DRY DOCK, EAST BROADWAY AND BATTERY RAILROAD COMPANY, }
EAST 14TH-ST. AND AVENUE B, }
NEW-YORK, Jan. 20, 1870. }

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared the usual quarterly Dividend, free of Government tax, payable on and after 1st February prox.

The transfer books will open 2d February. By order of the Board. RICHARD KELLY, Treasurer.

OFFICE LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, }
No. 152 BROADWAY, }

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand. JOHN C. MILLS, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1870.

OFFICE OF THE HUMBOLDT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 140 BROADWAY, }
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1870. }

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand. A. WILEY, Jr., Secretary.

PACIFIC BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a quarterly Dividend of Four (4) per Cent., free from Government tax, payable on and after the first day of February.
R. BUCK, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 151 BROADWAY, }
NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1870. }

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. (free from Government tax) has this day been declared, payable on demand.
D. M. DOUGHTY, Secretary.

THE COUPONS OF THE UNION Pacific Railroad Company, due Jan. 1, 1870, will be paid in gold at our office, on and after that date.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

SHIPPING.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
Atlantic Mail S. S. Co.'s steamer MORRO CASTLE, Captain R. ADAMS, Jan. 27, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President.
No. 5 Bowling-green

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line—Sailing every twenty days, from Pier No. 17 East River, at 12 noon. The splendid new steamers
CLEOPATRA, Capt. PHILLIPS, Wednesday, Feb. 2.
CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. DRAKEN, Tuesday, Feb. 22.
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 53 Broadway.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
MORRO CASTLE, Captain R. ADAMS, via Nassau, Jan. 27.
COLUMBIA, Captain E. VAN SICE, Feb. 3.
EAGLE, Captain M. R. GREENE, Feb. 10.
For freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.
Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one; their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passeports, examination and conveyance of luggage; in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and an infinity of annoyance to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

MARBLE MANTELS.

MARBLEIZED SLATE MANTELS.—Rich and elegant designs, from $9, $15, $16 up to $250.
T. B. STEWART & CO.,
No. 606 6th-av., between 36th and 36th sts.

MARBLE AND MARBLEIZED MANtels.—500 mantels of the latest designs on hand; a liberal discount allowed on all bills sold this month.
A. KLABER, 134 and 136 East 18th-st., near 3d-av., N.Y.

PERSONAL.

POST OFFICE. ALICE.

SHIPPING.

FOR LIVERPOOL,
(VIA QUEENSTOWN,)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steamships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY, as follows:

NEVADA, Captain GERER.....Jan. 26, at 2 P. M.
COLORADO, Captain WILLIAMS..Feb. 2, at 3 P. M.
NEBRASKA, Captain GERARD....Feb. 9, at noon.
MANHATTAN, Captain FORSTER..Feb. 16, at 3 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Captain PRICE....Feb. 23, at noon.
IDAHO, Captain CUTTING.....March 2, at 3 P. M.

Cabin passage, $80 gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30 currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 62 Wall-st.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—Inman Line of Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
CITY OF BROOKLYN....Saturday, Jan. 22, 9 A. M.
CITY OF BOSTON, (via Halifax.)
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, Jan. 29, 1 P. M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Feb. 5, 9 A. M.
And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE
BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
First Cabin	$100	Steerage	$25
To London	105	To London	40
To Paris	115	To Paris	43

PASSAGE BY THE TUESDAY STEAMER, VIA HALIFAX.

FIRST CABIN. PAYABLE IN GOLD.		STEERAGE. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
Liverpool	$80	Liverpool	$30
Halifax	20	Halifax	15
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BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT.
THE ENTIRE FURNITURE,
FIXTURES AND STOCK
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FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS Jan. 28 and

THE PILOTS OF NEW-YORK.

Who They Are, and How They Do Their Work.

The Laws by Which They Are Governed, and Changes Therein—Some of the Perils of the Sea—Good Boats and Brave Fellows Lost—Threatened Abolition of the System.

Nothing is more important to the safety of navigation than a good system of pilotage. Even in ancient times we find mention made of men who gained a livelihood by conducting the "argosies with portly sail" in and out of the then great commercial harbors, when returning from or setting out upon their voyages.

PILOTS IN YE ANCIENT TIME.

In Phœnecia and Carthage they formed a class of their own, and were invariably men who had gained the highest repute for seamanship, as it was then known and understood. They were highly esteemed among their fellow-citizens, and were regarded as authority on all matters of navigation. Their responsibilities in the pursuance of their vocation were very heavy. Among the Carthagenians, if accident befel a vessel in charge of a professional pilot, not only was he disgraced, but his sons were attainted, and none of them could aspire to their father's vocation. The law of OLERON allowed the master of a vessel to strike off the head of the pilot if he lost, or even perilled the ship, provided he could not pay for her. The Danish law allowed him to be keel-hauled three times. The old English law put heavy penalties on him if he was either ignorant of, or negligent in, performing his duties.

MODERN PILOTS.

The present law of Great Britain limits his responsibility to the amount of his bond. In New-York the Pilot Commissioners punish negligence or inefficiency by revoking the pilot's license, and mulcting the pilotage. To the credit of our pilots, however, causes for this punishment arise so seldom that they may almost be said to be unknown. It may be safely claimed that the system of pilotage in vogue here is not surpassed in any quarter of the globe. A history of its past and present, as bearing on the future, may be interesting. In the colonial times, it appears, that there were pilots here, both under the Dutch and English *régimes;* but, except from incodental mention here and there, little can be learned of their operations. They were most probably employed by masters and owners of vessels as occasion for their services might arise. That there were State laws prescribing their duties, however, is evident, for the Congressional enactment of 1789, the first general law on the subject, provides that "all pilots in the bays, rivers, harbors, and ports of the United States, shall continue to be regulated in conformity with the existing laws of the States respectively wherein such pilots may be * * * * * until further legislative provision shall be made by Congress." Under this law all the State organizations affecting pilots have been evaded.

THE EARLY PILOTS OF NEW-YORK.

New-York early organized a pilot system, but made it a political institution, and it became a monopoly of most odious character. The number of pilots was restricted to sixty, and these were, as far as could be, political appointments. This created a monopoly, and a body of men, who, though skillful, did not take especial pains to do all in their power for the advancement of commerce. These pilots, unlike their successors to-day, did not cruise outside the port. They lay at the "Horseshoe," at Sandy Hook, or at the foot of Dover-street, East River. The great dread of masters of vessels approaching port in those days was, that they could not get a pilot when off Sandy Hook, which was then poorly lighted, and the danger of navigating the harbor was much greater than it is now. This state of things was working mischief, and the merchants, shipowners, the whole community, in fact, remonstrated against a continuance of it, and asked for a change in the law. Their remonstrances were of no avail, however, for many years. In 1837, two fine ships, the *Mexico* and the *Bristol*, were lost when within six or seven miles of Sandy Hook, (neither of them having a pilot on board,) and the destruction of between 600 and 700 lives was involved in the wreck of these vessels.

A REFORM IN THE PILOTAGE LAWS.

These dire calamities soon aroused the indignation of the country, and application was made to Congress to interpose its authority. Congress did so. Mr. JOSEPH BLUNT being then in Washington, and familiar with the subject, drew up a bill reorganizing the pilot system for the Port of New-York, which, through the exertions of Senator WALL, of New-Jorsey; Hon. FRED. A. TALMAGE, of New-York; Hon. JOHN MCKEON, then a member of Congress from this City, and Hon. STEPHEN C. PHILLIPS, member of Congress from Massachusetts, passed both Houses of Congress and became a law. Under this law the New-Jersey pilotage system was created. At first it was found necessary to employ as pilots those men who were in the habit of boarding inward bound vessels for newspaper packages, and who were then employed by the Metropolitan journals for that purpose. This was the subject of no little abuse and ridicule on the part of the old New-York pilots, who saw in the new organization the destruction of their own easy-going and practically useless arrangement. As time passed on, however, the New-Jersey pilots became proficient at the business, and full confidence was placed by masters and shipowners in their knowledge of the channel-ways of the harbor.

REPEAL OF THE NEW LAW.

Persistent efforts were being made by the old-class New-York pilots to have the law of Congress repealed, but they were invariably defeated by those who were interested in having a proper pilotage system. In 1845, Hon. SILAS WRIGHT, then Governor of the State, sent to the Legislature a message setting forth the peculiar merits of the old New-York pilots, and asking that the Senators in Congress be instructed and the Representatives requested to vote for the repeal of the law of 1837, creating the New-Jersey pilotage system. This recommendation was heeded by the Senate of the State; but a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was then called, and a memorial prepared by GEO. C. TRIMBLE, Esq., was adopted by that body, in opposition to the Governor's recommendation. This document set forth such convincing facts that the joint resolution embodying Governor WRIGHT's suggestion was defeated in the Assembly by a majority of 77. Subsequently, however, the old New-York pilots succeeded in getting the law organizing the New-Jersey pilots repealed, and anybody was allowed to engage in the avocation who could find employment at it.

THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

Certain gentlemen, interested in commerce, seeing the danger to the shipping interests in consequence of this repeal, drew up a system of voluntary pilotage which was legalized by the Legislature in 1853, and is now the law under which the Sandy Hook pilots operate. The New-Jerseymen have also had their system legalized, and the two bodies of pilots now work together harmoniously. The spirit of enterprise has crept into the two organizations by reason of the friendly competition between them, and an honorable rivalry has been created among them. It may happened that a New-York (Sandy Hook) pilot has boarded an inward-bound vessel far out to sea, on the larboard, while a New-Jerseyman has, at the same time, come over the bulwarks of the same ship on the starboard side, and the Captain has been obliged to decide which of the two he would employ. The pilot boats now cruise about at distances ranging from 300 to 400 miles from land at all seasons of the year, and in all conditions of weather, so that it is almost impossible for a ship coming into port to be pilotless. The pilots are under the direction of a Commission of five, three members of which are appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, and two by the Board of Underwriters. This Board has limited the number of New-York (Sandy Hook) pilots to 130; the New-Jersey organization has 45. There are twenty boats belonging to the New-Yorkers, and five to the New-Jerseymen, each of which is estimated to be worth about $14,000. Although there is spirited competition between the two classes, they get along on the most friendly terms. Taken collectively there is no braver body of men anywhere, and none whose lives are so constantly imperiled.

PERILS ON THE DEEP.

The stirring incidents which they can relate of their experiences show that heroism is by no means confined to the battle-field. Many of our readers, doubtless, know the story of the unfortunate ship *John Minturn*, which was lost by being driven ashore, while inward bound, on the terrible night of Feb. 14, 1846, when the brave THOMAS FREEBORNE, her pilot, sacrificed himself in the stern performance of duty. Though the gale was terrific, and death every moment stared him in the face, he bravely stuck to his post, and only relinquished it with his life. Out of the twenty-eight souls on board, fourteen were lost, of whom the gallant FREEBORN was one. Benjamin MCCORMICK, one of the pilots of the ill-fated *Powhatan*, was lost in a similar manner. This courageous pilot was frozen to death while in the actual performance of duty, on the night of the 10th of January, 1856. The vessel went ashore on Fire Island in a terrible gale. The pilot boat *E. K. Collins*, having nine pilots on board, cruising, went ashore on the same night amid the blinding sleet and terrific storm, and the fearful waves closed over four of those fellows forever. Within three days of that terrible season, one of the coldest ever known, the 6th, 9th and 10th of January, 1856, forty pilots were seriously frostbitten. Within the past fifteen years forty pilots have been lost at sea. Three of their boats, the *Argus*, *Commerce* and *Weather*, each with a full complement of men on board, have never been heard of since they last started out of port—probably foundered during some terrible storm by which they were overtaken when far out of sight of land. The splendid pilots monument in Green-Wood Cemetery perpetuates the memory of the gallant FREEBORN and his brave and unfortunate associates.

REPORTS TO BREAK UP THE SYSTEM.

At this time efforts are being made to break up the pilotage system, on the ground that the charges made by the pilots are exorbitant, and the Shipowners' Association of this City have addressed a memorial to the Legislature, asking that such changes be made in the law as will in effect render it a nullity. Under the present statute, if a pilot speaks a vessel and his services are refused, the owner must, nevertheless, pay full pilotage; and if afterwards the master employ another pilot to take him into port, he must pay pilotage for both. Should a vessel, having refused to take a pilot on board, subsequently meet with an accident, the insurance on both vessel and cargo is void, and naked for would be productive of great injury to the Company insuring is absolved from payment of damages incurred. To the shipowners' memorial the pilots have prepared a counter one, setting forth that the amendment of the law as navigation, and will be practically throwing them out of employment. They aver that the pilotage of this port is equal to that of any port in the world for efficiency, safety, and the entire certainty with which a shipmaster may approach the coast, sure of finding a pilot in any weather from 350 to 400 miles from the port. The skill with which vessels are piloted is shown in the fact that of 93,050 vessels piloted by the New-York pilots within the past fifteen years, but seven have been lost while in charge of pilots.

QUALIFICATION FOR THE SERVICE.

All our pilots have now to go through an actual sea service of at least seven years before they are examined as to their qualifications to pilot vessels. The examination takes place before the Pilot Commissioners, all of whom are men of nautical experience, and is conducted by two experienced pilots, under their supervision. If passed by this Board, they are licensed for fourteen feet draught, and must serve three years longer under fourteen, sixteen and eighteen feet licenses, respectively, without accident, before they become full branch pilots, competent to pilot all vessels entering the port. They are obliged, under a penalty, to report all accidents to the Commissioners, on their arrival in New-York, and are held to a very strict performance of their duties. As showing the amount of interest which attaches to the system as now organized, it may be well to state that there arrived at the port of New-York, *via* Sandy Hook, during 1869, 7,750 vessels from foreign ports, of which 4,132 paid pilotage, and three-fourths of these were from ports out of the United States. From Southern ports there were during the year arrivals as follows: January, 187; February, 159; March, 203; April, 340; May, 240; June, 289; July, 370; August, 137; September, 304; October, 343; November, 254; December, 230. There were war vessels 46, divided as follows: American, 32; British, 8; French, 6; Swedish, 1; Spanish, 3. Of steamships there were 728; ships, 443; barks, 1,199; brigs, 1,396; schooners, 879; yachts, 3 arrivals. Of the steamship arrivals there were 181 American, 400 British, 25 French and 122 North German. The numbers, names and tonnage of the boats belonging to the Sandy Hook pilots, and now cruising, are as follows:

No.	Name.	Tonnage.	No.	Name.	Tonnage.
1.	Hope	70.47	12.	Ariel Paterson	85.31
2.	Edmund Blunt	55.42	13.	Francis Perkins	52.44
3.	Charles H. Marshall	45.32	14.	E. F. Williams	52.86
4.	William Leggett	42.25	15.	John D. Jones	49.75
5.	Charlotte Webb	61.54	16.	Christian Bergh	42.25
6.	Mary and Catharine	40.67	17.	Fannie	51.30
7.	Edmund Driggs	49.98	18.	Enchantress	30.55
8.	Isaac Webb	49.91	19.	Mary A. Williams	57.64
9.	James Avery	32.59	20.	Nesbit	31.47
11.	G. W. Blunt	51.69	21.	William H. Aspinwall	46.32
			22.	Washington	41.12

The rates of inward pilotage range from $3 75 per foot, for vessels of six feet draught, with $6 62 additional for off-shore pilotage, to $9 50 per foot for vessels of twenty-five feet draught, with $40 62 for off-shore pilotage—or, in other words, the lightest draught vessel (six feet) pays, in all, $28 12, and the heaviest draught vessel, $208 12. For outward pilotage, the rates range from $2 70 per foot for vessels of six feet draught, to $7 70 per foot for vessels of twenty-five feet draught—or, $16 20 for the former, and $118 75 for the latter class of vessels. These rates obtain from April 1 to Nov. 1. Between the last-mentioned date and the succeeding April, $4 additional on the gross amount is charged for both inward and outward pilotage. The present Board of Pilot Commissioners is composed of the following gentlemen: Appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, GEO. W. BLUNT, ROBERT L. TAYLOR, AMBROSE SNOW; appointed by the Board of Underwriters, W. C. THOMPSON and RUSSELL STURGIS. The first three gentlemen have been members of the Board since 1845. Mr. STURGIS is President, and Mr. BLUNT Secretary. Mr. BLUNT has lately published an interesting volume, in which are compiled all the laws concerning pilotage, (both State and Federal,) and also the Harbor and Quarantine Regulations of the Port of New-York. The office of the Commissioners is No. 40 Burling-slip.

The limits of pilotage ground for the port of New York is an unsettled question. Vessels are now offered pilots, as we have above stated, some 350 miles from Sandy Hook light. This distance would hardly be called proper pilotage ground. The Pilot Commissioners drew a line from Fire Island light to that of Barnegat, west of which should be deemed pilotage ground; but the Court of Appeals decided, in the case of CISCO *vs.* ROBERTS, that there were no determined limits, and that it was good policy to provide against the dangers to which every maritime pilot are exposed, by encouraging the pilots to cruise at sea for the purpose of boarding vessels, even without the bounds of exclusive territorial dominion.

The Hell Gate pilots still preserve an organization, but the amended law of two years ago does not compel masters of vessels to take one on board when passing through the "Gate."

The New Temple Israel in Brooklyn—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Adler of this City.

The first weekly service in the new synagogue Temple Israel, at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association of Brooklyn, corner of Fulton-avenue and Gallatin-place, was held yesterday forenoon. Rev. R. D'C. LEWIN, the minister of the congregation, conducted the service in English, and Rev. Dr. SAMUEL ADLER of the Temple Emanuel in Fifth-avenue, this City, delivered the sermon in German. He preached from Isaiah ix, 6, on "Jewish Reform," before a good audience. After an introductory comment on the prophet Isaiah and the wisdom of his teachings, he said that the "child born unto us" in the text was to be interpreted as Jewish reform. Jewish reform being yet in its infancy, was to be compared to a child. It was yet weak, and needed to be cared for by its friends.

By the "Prince of Peace," in the text, Jewish Reform was meant, and whose aim it was to reconcile faith and reason which have struggled with each other ever since religions existed. There could be no more talk of the Jewish customs of ancient times. If the orthodox wanted to adhere to them, they must go out to the desert and separate themselves from the rest of mankind. In the middle ages wise rabbis, especially in Spain, had effected a compromise between faith and reason, allowing a man to have his own views, but demanding of him at the same time strict obedience to the religious customs of the laws. It would, of course, be wrong to despise orthodoxy and adherence to it. This compromise, like all comprises, had proved unsatisfactory to the customs and usages of the fathers, but as time progresses, it is the aim of Jewish reform harmoniously to develop the intellectual and moral powers of man, and thus to create peace among mankind. It is to be wished that it should fulfil all its purposes in the course of time. In order to promote the objects of this reform it is necessary for the congregation to have their children instructed in the Bible, enabling them to understand it in the Hebrew language. It was further necessary for the congregation to celebrate their Sabbath. The meaning of Sabbath was rest, and on this day the congregation had to abstain from all business pursuits, devoting themselves to the consideration of the higher interests of man.

Celtic Literary Club.

At a meeting of the Celtic Literary Club, held on Friday evening at Plympton Building, a Constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the following officers elected for six months: O. W. FLANAGAN, President; J. J. Roche, Vice-President; James Dunne, Recording Secretary; James Fitzgerald, Corresponding Secretary; J. T. Maguire, Financial Secretary; D. D. Toal, M. D., Treasurer. The election of directors was postponed until next meeting. The Club also keeps a manuscript journal, to the editorship of which THOMAS DUFFY was elected.

German-American School Association.

The General Committee of the German-American School Association of this City held its regular monthly meeting at Liederkranz Hall last night, Mr. WILLIAM WALLACH presiding. Most of the German Ward School Clubs were represented by their newly-elected delegates. The General Committee reflected the following officers for the ensuing year: Messrs. WILLIAM WALLACH, President; FRANCIS V. EUHING and M. ELLINGER, Vice-Presidents; Dr. WM. LANDSBERG, Recording Secretary; ERNEST STEIGER, Corresponding Secretary; MAX ARENDSEN, Treasurer. The Executive Committee, Committee of Correspondence and Committee of Education were appointed. A communication from School Commissioner MAGNUS GROSS, with regard to the measures to be taken by the General Committee for the introduction of the German language as a regular branch of instruction in the public schools, in view of the plan adopted by the Board of Education, was read and received. It was resolved Mr. P. W. MOELLER be recommended by the General Committee as School Inspector of the Sixth School District. It was resolved that regular dues be paid by the Ward School Clubs to the General Committee. A lengthy debate ensued on abolishing the reading of the Bible in the public schools, and then the meeting adjourned.

OLE BULL AND NORWAY.

The 1,000th Anniversary of the Unity of Norway—The Great Violinist Heads a Movement for a National Lighthouse.

One of the most prominent characteristics of the great Norwegian violinist is his affectionate interest in the welfare and glory of his native land. In the early and obscure history of Norway, the country was divided up into numerous petty States, governed by independent Princes, until in the year 872 HARALD HAARFAGER (the fair-haired) reduced it to one nation, and placed himself at its head. Subsequent to that period the Northmen played a conspicuous part in the history of Europe, conquering France, and transfusing their sturdy qualities into the Saxon blood of England. Afterwards, however, it lost something of its individuality, and became subordinate to the Crown of Sweden. Still the aspiration for national independence lives in the hearts of the sons of Norway, and in none has it a warmer glow than in the bosom of her favorite, the world-renowned musician. The one thousandth anniversary of the establishment of the Kingdom by HARALD is approaching, and before OLE BULL left the country for his present visit to America, a Committee was organized for the purpose of celebrating that birthday of the nation by an appropriate monument. This is to take the form of a lighthouse on the coast of Norway, near the grave of HARALD HAARFAGER, "to serve," in the language of the Committee, "as a beacon on the shore to the mariner, and as a star to the memory illuminating a glorious history of a thousand years." The subscription in Norway is headed by the King and Queen, the Queen Dowager, the Royal Princes, the Chief Justice, the President and Vice-President of the "Storthing," and the Minister of State, and OLE BULL was requested by these dignitaries to bring the mission of national affection to this side of the Atlantic, and invite the children and friends of old Norway here to participate in this national memorial.

Accordingly, about twenty-five prominent Norwegians of this City met at the room of OLE BULL, at the Westmoreland Hotel, on Thursday evening last, and formed themselves into a national Committee in America to forward this object, electing the famous violinist as President and Treasurer, he himself having started the subscription with a donation of $1,000. Each member of the Committee is authorized to receive subscriptions, and a photograph of the proposed monument, accompanied by OLE BULL's autograph, is to be given as a receipt to each subscriber. This latter souvenir alone would be highly prized by thousands of people. As a further encouragement to be entered for, and four prizes are to be offered for which each subscriber may become a competitor. These will consist of BALLING's portraits of General GRANT and OLE BULL, an historical painting of HARALD HAARFAGER, at Hafrsfjord, and one of OLE BULL's newly-invented pianos.

Furthermore, his present concert trip is to be made subservient to this grand enterprise, and sub-committees are to be formed throughout the country. On this tour his son, Mr. ALEXANDER BULL, acts as his business manager, and he will be assisted at his concerts by a company of artists of genuine merit. Mr. W. H. MACDONALD, the tenor singer of the troupe, has already traveled one season with the great master of the violin, and was everywhere received with great favor. He received his musical education in part abroad, and after one or two successful seasons in London took up his residence at Boston, where he has very soon risen high as a first-class tenor. Six months ago he removed to New-York, and has appeared in the Metropolitan Concert Hall with unvarying success. He has a fine, melodious voice, which he uses with great skill. Miss SAFFORD is a young lady of much promise, and Mr. HOFFMAN is well known as an eminent pianist. The party sets out for the Pacific coast on Wednesday evening next, and after a few weeks in California will make a tour of the West and South.

Internal Revenue Returns—The Receipts of Railroads, Ferries, Places of Amusement, &c.

Below will be found the returns made by the different companies mentioned for the month of December. This report has been somewhat delayed by the fact that in some instances returns were not made within the time prescribed by law, and in some instances no returns whatever have been made. The Collectors intend hereafter to enforce the law in regard to making returns, to the letter, and those who are behindhand will be compelled to pay the penalty.

RAILROADS.

	Gross receipts.
Second-avenue Railroad	$42,107
Third-avenue Railroad	109,498
Sixth-avenue Railroad	57,660
Seventh-avenue Railroad, (two lines)	91,876
Eighth-avenue Railroad	62,426
Ninth-avenue Railroad	8,560
Bleecker-street and Fulton Ferry Railroad	23,798
Central Park, North and East River and Tenth-avenue Railroad	39,070
Forty-second-street and Grand-street Railroad	31,208
Dry Dock, East Broadway and Battery Railroad	56,226
Erie Railroad	343,503
New-York and Harlem Railroad	80,473
New-York and New Haven Railroad	115,804
Hudson River Railroad	223,228
Avenue C Railroad	5,009
Total	$1,349,908

STAGES.

Broadway and Eighth-street Stage	$6,395
Lexington-avenue Stage	14,500
Ninth-avenue and Twenty-third-street Stage	23,672
Broadway and Second-street Stage	2,851
Fifth-avenue Stage	21,328
Madison-avenue Stage	18,026
Manhattanville Stage	620
Dodds Express	3,101
Total	$94,493

FERRIES.

Pavonia Ferry	$14,248
Grand-street ferry	53,502
Navy Yard Ferry Co	1,691
Total	$69,441

HARLEM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Peck Slip and Harlem	$5,635

AMUSEMENTS.

Fifth-avenue Theatre	$12,366
Booth's Theatre	23,380
Bryant's Minstrels	10,904
Herman, (Academy)	1,879
Tammany	17,845
Cardiff Giant, (Apollo Hall)	1,210
Wood's Museum	23,100
New-York Circus	15,179
Wallack's Theatre	28,644
Olympic Theatre	22,859
Grand Opera House	13,552
Waverley Theatre	4,329
Tony Pastor's	8,480
Niblo's Theatre	29,752
Stadt Theatre	8,185
Theatre Comique	13,796
San Francisco Minstrels	8,016
Bowery Theatre	10,055
Total	$256,100

GAS COMPANIES.

	Cubic Feet.
Metropolitan Gas light Company	16,140,746
Harlem Gas light Company	13,796,240
Manhattan Gas light Company	148,188,880
New-York Gas Company	65,475,309
Total	243,608,163

Police Jottings.

RICHARD HUGHES was brought up before Justice COX, at the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, on a charge of committing a grievous assault upon MICHAEL WARD, patrolman of the Ninth Precinct Police Station. The prosecutor, who bore marks of severe ill-treatment, testified that on the previous evening, while on duty, the prisoner repeatedly struck him on the face with his fist, knocked him down and kicked him several times in the stomach. There was no provocation whatever for the offence, and the prisoner did not appear to be under the influence of drink. Another charge of assault preferred against him by his mother was withdrawn. The prisoner was held to answer.

MICHAEL JACOBS was arraigned before Justice COX yesterday on a charge of forgery. The affidavit was made by ADOLPH BRODELL, a clothier of No. 891 Eighth-avenue, who stated that on the 4th instant the prisoner came into his place of business and purchased a suit of clothes for $22, and in payment therefor tendered a draft in favor of H. H. JACOBS for $75, and requested deponent's check for the balance, $53. Deponent drew and indorsed a check for this amount, which the prisoner had cashed at the Sixth National Bank. He subsequently ascertained that the check for $75 was a forgery, as Mr. H. H. JACOBS, the gentleman in question, knew nothing whatever about it. Evidence in confirmation of the prosecutor's statement was given, and the prisoner was committed for examination.

CHARLES D. FREDERICKS, of No. 587 Broadway, appeared at the Jefferson Market Court before Justice COX, and charged ED. F. ROONEY with the larceny of a photograph picture and frame, worth $125. The picture was a finely-executed portrait of Sheriff O'BRIEN, and its production in Court occasioned a good deal of favorable criticism. Officer SPARROW, of the Twenty-fifth Precinct, testified to having discovered the prisoner with the portrait in his possession leaving Mr. FREDERICK'S studio. ROONEY was committed for trial.

ALEXANDER O'DONNELL yesterday appeared before Justice COX, charged with a felonious assault on DANIEL MURPHY, who alleged that in the afternoon of yesterday he had a dispute with the prisoner, when the latter stabbed him five times on the face and neck with a knife. Inflictions not serious. O'DONNELL was held to answer in default of $2,000 bail.

At the Essex Market Police Court yesterday, before Judge SCOTT, ANNA HOPKINS was held to answer for the larceny of a watch and some money, amounting to $60, from the person of CHARLES JOHNSON.

CORNELIUS CROWLEY was arrested yesterday by the Harbor Police on Pier No. 43 East River, having in his possession fifteen cases of brandy valued at $200. He could give no satisfactory account as to the manner in which he obtained the liquor, and he was therefore detained and the property delivered to the Property Clerk.

EDWARD WALSH, a resident of New-Jersey, was arraigned before Justice DOWLING yesterday to answer the charge of committing a burglary in the marble factory of JOSEPH W. BRAY, at the corner of Broadway and Fifty-seventh-street, on the 24th of November, when four marble centrepieces, valued at $30, were carried off. FELIX GALLAGER, of No. 108 Court-street, Brooklyn, purchased the property and testified against the prisoner, who was held for trial.

JOHN LORD, of Boston, was induced to enter the premises No. 233 Broadway, yesterday, where he met CHARLES ROBINSON, who initiated the stranger into the envelope game, LORD "put up" $150 in hopes of gaining a prize, failing in which, he caused ROBINSON's arrest. Justice DOWLING held the prisoner for trial on a charge of swindling.

QUIMBO APPO, the Chinaman, who was sentenced to the State Prison for ten years for the murder of his wife, was arrested yesterday and arraigned before Justice DOWLING on a charge of disorderly conduct. APPO had been threatening the life of his son with a knife, and has only recently emerged from his ten years' imprisonment. The prisoner was locked up in default of $1,000 bail for his future good behavior.

WM. H. SUMMERS, the confidence man whose operations in robbing MARTIN LYNCH, of No. 74 Newark-street, Hoboken, of the sum of $200, were reported in yesterday's TIMES, was arraigned before Justice DOWLING yesterday forenoon. The Magistrate listened to the story of the unfortunate complainant, ordered an affidavit to be drawn up, and then remanded the prisoner for trial.

JULIUS A. ROBINSON, proprietor of the Park-avenue Hotel, yesterday caused the arrest of CHARLES F. WILMOT, an elderly man, on a charge of fraud. The prisoner stopped at the hotel and ran up a bill of $9, for which he tendered in payment a check on the Brooklyn Bank for the sum of $80, purporting to have been drawn in favor by one JAMES HILLMAN. The complainant gave the accused $21 in change, only to find the check a false one. The prisoner was arraigned before Justice DOWLING. He was remanded for trial at the Special Sessions.

THE MERCANTILE SWINDLER.

His Arraignment Before a Magistrate—Recognition of the Prisoner as an Old Offender—Pomeroy Fully Committed for Trial.

RODNEY M. POMEROY, whose real name is believed to be F. A. TALBOT, was arraigned before Justice DOWLING, yesterday, at the Tombs, to answer a charge of fraud and swindling. The details of POMEROY's arrest and his extensive scheme of operations were fully narrated in yesterday's TIMES. When the case came before the Magistrate, two complaints were made against him on the affidavits of JOHN CRUIKSHANK, of No. 789 Front-street, and CHARLES HAUSETT, of No. 178 William-street. These gentlemen stated the several representations made by the prisoner, that he pretended to be the senior member of the Cincinnati firm, RODNEY M. POMEROY & Co., and also authorized the purchase for J. ALEXANDER & Co., of Cincinnati. Goods to a large amount had been given to the accused on his representations.

The prisoner was then called up and the depositions of the complainants read to him. The following dialogue then ensued:

Magistrate—Well, you've heard them affidavits read over. What answer do you make to them?

Prisoner (in a loud, quick tone)—Not guilty, Sir.

Magistrate—Well, come up here and be examined. You are at liberty to answer or not such questions as may be put to you. What's your name?

Prisoner—Rodney M. Pomeroy.

Magistrate—Your age?

Prisoner—Thirty-five years.

Magistrate—Where were you born?

Prisoner—In the United States.

Magistrate—What is your business?

Prisoner—Merchant

Magistrate—What answer do you make to this charge?

Prisoner—Not guilty. My name is Rodney M. Pomeroy. I am head of the firm of Rodney M. Pomeroy & Co., of No. 149 Third-street, Cincinnati. I do not wish to say anything more.

Magistrate—We have caught you dead to rights, haven't we?

Prisoner—I don't know what you mean.

Magistrate—How many times have you been here before?

Prisoner—Not at all, I guess.

Magistrate—You've been here twice before.

Prisoner—When was that?

Magistrate—Come, come, now, don't be obstinate. I've as good a memory as you, I guess.

Prisoner—I have no doubt of it, Sir.

Magistrate—You were up here about eighteen months ago on a similar charge.

Prisoner—I guess not.

Magistrate (testily)—I guess yes. You know I am right, and you know you had either Sid. Stuart or Billy Howe as counsel.

No reply was made to this last shot, and the prisoner was soon after removed to the prison in a crestfallen condition, he being unable to furnish the $10,000 bail demanded.

The Wyneckie Mystery.

Facts reported in the TIMES from day to day since the 1st of January concerning the Wynockie children, their disappearance and the anxious search which has been made for them, were grouped together in an unwarrantable manner by a morning paper yesterday to give color to an accusation of murder against the bereaved parents of the children. From the account of our reporter at Paterson and the local papers, it appears that the WEBLE family, though poor, are well known and respected among the people of the neighboring villages, many of whom joined in the search for the bodies of the children. Three hundred workmen, neighbors of the WEBLE family, were at one time engaged in the search, in full sympathy with the grief-stricken family, and it was not until the publication yesterday of the unjustifiable article referred to, that any definite charge of foul play was alleged against the relatives of the children. The mystery surrounding the case is just enough to give an opportunity to papers of a sensational class to fabricate stories of shocking inhumanity against the persons who have suffered a severe loss.

Thieves Busy at Astoria.

The boarding house of Mrs. HOYT, on the river terrace of Astoria, was entered by burglars a few nights since, and all the silverware stolen. No clue has been obtained to the guilty parties, but suspicion points strongly to persons in the place, who are under surveillance, and should their movements indicate complicity in the affair they will be at once arrested. Since the robbery of the Ravenswood store and Post Office a few weeks ago, the eyes of the community were opened to the fact that there was an organized gang of thieves in the neighborhood, and steps were taken to break it up by organizing a Vigilance Committee as a protection against their operations.

Suicide in Williamsburg.

About 7 o'clock last evening, Mr. DAVID EVANS, 65 years of age, residing in Hewes-street, near Bedford-avenue, committed suicide by cutting his throat. It appears that the old gentleman had been a sufferer from heart disease for several years, and his afflictions were a burden to him, all the heavier as years were added to his life. While the family was down stairs at tea last evening, the deceased cut his throat with a pocket knife. The scene in the apartment where the sad transaction took place, as the family gathered around the deceased, was heartrending in the extreme. The terrible fact was at once communicated to a neighbor, who promptly informed the Police, and the Coroner was notified forthwith.

Trichinæ—A Family Poisoned With Ham.

Three persons, members of the family of Mr. ALBERT BRANDT, a druggist of Newark, N. J., are said to have been poisoned a few days since by eating a piece of ham infected with trichinæ. They were taken suddenly ill, and the cause of their illness being suspected, an uncooked piece of the ham was taken to Dr. EDGAR HOLDEN, of No. 114 Orange-street, who made an examination. The insects could be plainly seen by the aid of a microscope. Remedies were applied and the persons affected are said to be nearly recovered.

Summary Punishment for Insulting a Young Lady.

A man named HOTCHKISS who has for several months been a daily passenger on the Morris and Essex Railroad to New-York, noted by his fellow-passengers for his incessant devotion to the columns of a religious newspaper, was severely beaten on Friday evening and kicked off the train at Orange for an insult to a young lady passenger. The gentleman who did the punishing had been appealed to by the young lady who was in tears, and responded by cuffing and kicking the offender until the train stopped, when he was thrown out of the car.

A Correction.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I find in your paper of to-day a report of a trial in Brooklyn, before Judge PRATT, in which CHARLES DOHERTY is plaintiff and DANIEL C. BIRDSALL defendant; and in the course of which the counsel for DOHERTY stated that the "defendant was a relative by marriage to the wife of SAMUEL G. COURTNEY, the former United States District-Attorney."

Allow me to say that neither my wife nor myself are, were or have been, in any manner or form, connected directly or remotely, by marriage or otherwise, with Mr. D. C. BIRDSALL or any of his family.

SAMUEL G. COURTNEY.

No. 244 West Thirty-fourth-street.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Jan. 22, 1870.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

The meeting of the representatives of the Express Companies, which has been in session in this City for some days past, adjourned yesterday afternoon. The American, Merchants' Union and the Adams Express Companies, whose lines were principally involved in the negotiation, have reached a harmonious solution of the questions at issue between them, which is embodied in a general agreement of all the Companies, and awaits only the signature of the United States Express Company, which was not represented yesterday, to make the agreement effective.

Miss KATE FIELD delivered her popular lecture, "Among the Adirondacks," last evening, at Irving Hall, for the benefit of the fund for the relief of disabled soldiers and sailors. The lecture was considered the most successful of the course, and the proceeds amounted to a large sum. Dr. B. WATERHOUSE HAWKINS, Professor of Natural Philosophy, will deliver the next lecture, for the same purpose, on the subject of "The Age of Dragons."

The Philharmonic Society, at the last meeting, unanimously passed a resolution of thanks to OLE BULL for his eminent services rendered at their rehearsal and second concert, and also gave him, through their Secretary, warm assurances of their esteem and regard.

The National Association of Junior Base Ball Players will meet at Tammany Hall, on Friday evening next, for the purpose of reorganization and the election of permanent officers.

JOHN O'NEIL, President of the Fenian Brotherhood, has issued a call for a Congress of Fenians, to meet at No. 19 West Fourth-street, on the 19th of April, to take measures for carrying out the "old plan, that of meeting the enemy on the battle field face to face." Other Irish organizations are invited to attend.

The Maritime Register reports the shipping in the Port of New-York as follows: 62 ships, of 69,443 tons; 95 barks, of 46,376 tons; 87 brigs, of 20,935 tons; 106 schooners, and 57 steamers.

HENRY A. ALLEN, arrested on a charge of robbing the Government while acting as keeper of the Sub-Treasury building, was held to await the action of the Grand Jury yesterday. The testimony which was taken during his examination tended to show that he had embezzled nearly $200 by means of false vouchers.

A lithographer named CONRAD FATZER, who was committed to Ludlow-street Jail some time ago, on a charge of counterfeiting stamped bank checks, was released on giving $5,000 bail yesterday. JOHN GOODS, of the corner of Second-avenue and Forty-second-street, becoming his bondsman.

The importers and refiners of and dealers in sugar met yesterday in the office of a prominent Wall-street firm, and discussed the proposed change in the tariff regarding sugar. The meeting agreed on a schedule of tariffs, which is to be presented to Congress, together with a memorial requesting that the law be amended in accordance with its provisions.

The vital statistics for the week ending yesterday were as follows, excluding the public institutions, which were not reported: Deaths, 410; marriages, 164; births, 281; still births, 45.

The arrests made by the Police during the past week were as follows: Saturday, Jan. 15, 192; Sunday, Jan. 16, 136; Monday, Jan. 17, 175; Tuesday, Jan. 18, 212; Wednesday, Jan. 19, 184; Thursday, Jan. 20, 163; Friday, Jan. 21, 147; total, 1,209.

At a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held yesterday, a resolution was passed ordering the enforcement of the rule requiring Surgeons to reside in the districts to which they are assigned.

Yesterday HUBBARD BRIDE, aged 15 years of No. 87 Oliver-street, fell from the roof of the house to the ground, fracturing his left arm and right leg. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

JOHN HAMERSTEIN, of No. 452 Seventh-avenue, was thrown from his carriage yesterday at the corner of Morton and West streets, and severely injured.

Justices DOWLING and BIXBY disposed of a large number of petty cases in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday.

Mrs. JANE KEITH, of No. 341 Tenth-avenue, was run over yesterday by a hack, and dangerously injured. The driver was arrested, and Coroner ROLLINS was requested to take her *ante-mortem* statement.

PETER NORTON, aged 20, a native of this City, an *attaché* of the Court of Sessions, and a brother to State Senator MICHAEL NORTON, died suddenly yesterday morning of heart disease. Mr. NORTON had been ailing for some time, and had been out all night. Calling at a friend's house at 3 o'clock in the morning, he sat down, and soon after expired. Coroner KEENAN held an inquest at the late residence of the deceased, No. 142 Sullivan-street.

Mrs. IDA GAST, a native of Germany, a